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South Haven says no to street murals

City cites safety concerns in new policy

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — When South Haven City officials were asked several months ago whether a Black Lives Matter mural could be painted on Phoenix Street in front of city hall, they were hesitant to do so, citing concerns about whether the mural would be a distraction for drivers.

Now the council has turned its hesitancy into action by approving a new mural policy for city public property that prohibits murals on streets. They did so Monday after both the Parks Commission and Planning Commission recommended against allowing murals on public roadways in the city limits, due to safety concerns.

"Requests for murals on city streets were not well received," City Manager Kate Hosier told council members at Monday's meeting.

"Planning commissioners expressed concern for murals in traffic lanes in that the artwork or message might distract or disorient drivers leading to the possibility of accidents," she said.

The two commissions' recommendations were based in part on a report issued in August by Department of Public Works Director Bill Hunter stating his opposition to the idea based on a federal recommendation.

"You can't have murals painted over crosswalks or center lanes," Hunter told the council in August, referring to a 2012 U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration opinion regarding the use of colored paint or other materials on public streets.

The opinion states in part, "All elements of pattern and color for these treatments are to be uniform, consistent, repetitive and expected so as not to be a source of distraction. No element of the aesthetic interior treatment can implement pictographs, symbols, multiple color arrangements, etc., or can otherwise attempt to communicate with any roadway user."

When Parks Commission members asked Hunter in September why other cities have allowed the words, "Black Lives Matter" to be painted on their streets, Hunter responded that he feels it is better to follow the federal guidelines. He also said that the paint would come off after a year due to the snow and ice plowing that occurs during the winter.

Like the two commissions, city council members also did not favor murals painted on city streets when they discussed the issue a month ago.

Commissioners and several council members, however, have continued to circle back to the original Black Lives Matter mural proposal that was pitched by South Haven Resident Mo'Nique Crowley in August.

"We know this all came about because of an application for a Black Lives Matter mural," Council member Letitia Wilkins said. "I think she (Crowley) was trying to say, as a community we value black lives. If we're not going to allow the mural on the streets, then what are the other suggestions?"

Hosier told council members she has talked with Crowley and that two other possible sites – the restroom and picnic area at Elkenburg Park and the side wall of South Haven Memorial Library that faces Phoenix Street, have been discussed for a BLM mural.

Anyone who applies to place a mural on city property will have to pay to have it done and properly maintain it.

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THEY HAVE IT ALL TO THEMSELVES

Don Campbell / HP staff

A couple enjoy a walk along Lake Michigan and an empty section of Silver Beach this week in St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

SJPS earns high state ranking by website

SJ listed at 11; several other Berrien districts also fare well

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Public Schools district is the 11th best district in Michigan this year, according to a school ranking website.

Niche, a website that releases an annual ranking of school districts and universities, gave St. Joseph a favorable score compared to more than 500 other Michigan districts. The website released its 2021 Best Schools rankings on Monday.

"While we've always known that SJPS is a wonderful place to learn and grow, we are especially thrilled to be recognized by Niche as an outstanding school district," Superintendent Thomas Bruce said in a news release. "I would like to thank our teachers, and am happy they have received this formal recognition of their efforts. Their work, especially over this past year, has been exemplary and their dedication to students is second to none. Our teachers would be the first to say, they cannot do this work alone."

The district received an A+ rating and ranked 11th. It's been a path of continual improvement for the district, as the site rated St. Joseph 13th and 19th in 2019 and 2018, respectively.

All five schools within the district received at least an A rating – with Brown Elementary School leading the way with an A+.

Nationally, the district is ranked in the top 2 percent. St. Joseph Public School teachers were ranked the second best in the state.

Niche uses test scores and academic performance, as well as user input from current students, alumni and parents, to compile its rankings.

The next closest Berrien County school in the ranking is New Buffalo Area Schools, which ranked No. 33 in the state. Lakeshore Public Schools was ranked No. 43, with Bridgman Public Schools earned a ranking at No. 54.

Van Buren Independent School District in Lawrence ranked 18th, the only individual Van Buren district to make the top 100.

Academic grades go a long way in determining Niche's overall grade. According to Niche's website, 50 percent of the grade is based on a district's academics.

Teachers account for 15 percent, culture and diversity have a 10 percent grade, and surveys from parents and students carry 10 percent in the final grade as well.

In addition to grades and surveys, the remaining portion is determined by health and safety, resources, facilities, clubs and sports.

Beyond the overall ranking, St. Joseph also is listed by Niche as the sixth best place to teach in Michigan and the second best district, in terms of who is teaching in classrooms.

Sam Abdelnour, president of the St. Joseph Public Foundation, said the ranking is a reflection of the students, teachers and group of volunteers with the foundation that helps distribute resources to the district.

"I love this community and have a deep appreciation for the education our district provides," Abdelnour said. "Many of the educational tools and programs offered to students are made possible through the generosity of our donors. They too share our passion for delivering the very best education for every student in our schools."

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Man pleads guilty in Dowagiac fatal home invasion

By HP STAFF

CASSOPOLIS — A Kalamazoo man has pleaded guilty in the shooting death of a Dowagiac man during a home invasion in January.

According to Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz, Justin Carlton, 41, of Kalamazoo, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Michael Collins, 40, of Dowagiac.

A plea deal calls for Carlton to serve a minimum of 43 years in prison. Sentencing is set for 8:30 a.m. Dec. 18 by Cass Circuit Court Judge Mark Herman.

In exchange for Carlton's guilty plea on the murder charge other, lesser charges related to the home invasion were dismissed, as were separate charges of being in possession of a weapon in the Cass County Jail and resisting law enforcement officers on March 8.

Fitz said that in entering his plea, Carlton admitted to going to 700 Louise Avenue in Dowagiac and, along with co-defendant Jay Penar, entered Collins' home with masks on. Carlton told the court that he

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Police called on 3 Black candidates campaigning in SJ

All parties say responding officers were very professional

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Police responded Saturday after someone called them to report suspicious activity on Ridgeway Street in St. Joseph.

It turns out it was just three candidates – all Black – going door to door campaigning in the affluent St. Joseph neighborhood.

The incident was first reported on Tuesday by the Michigan Advance nonprofit online news site.

The candidates, all Democrats, were Chokwe Pitchford, who is running for state representative in the 79th District, and Rayonte Bell, a candidate for 5th District county board of commissioners. Joining them was state Sen. Marshall Bullock of Detroit.

The trio was stumping for Pitchford and Bell when two St. Joseph

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State election head: Drop off absentee ballot, don't mail

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's top elections official said Tuesday that the presidential battleground state's 1.5 million people with absentee ballots still in-hand should put them in a drop box or take them to their local clerk's office rather than risk sending them by mail with two weeks to go until Election Day.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said hand-delivering a ballot will ensure it will arrive by 8 p.m. on Election Night and be counted. She also urged people who still want an

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U.S., Russia appear set to extend last remaining nuclear pact

By MATTHEW LEE and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States and Russia inched closer Tuesday to a deal to extend their last remaining arms control pact, after U.S. threats to allow the deal to expire early next year.

The two sides signaled they are ready to accept compromises to salvage the New START treaty just two weeks ahead of the U.S. presidential election in which President Donald Trump faces a strong challenge from former Vice President Joe Biden, whose campaign has accused Trump of being soft on Russia.

After the White House last week rejected a proposal from the Kremlin to keep the accord alive, calling it a "non-starter," Moscow said Tuesday it could agree to a U.S.-proposed freeze on each side's nuclear warheads and to extend the treaty by one year. In response, the U.S. said it was ready for a quick deal.

In a statement, Russia's Foreign Ministry outlined the shift in Moscow's position after last week's apparent breakdown in the talks on New START, which expires in February. It said Russia is prepared for a deal if the U.S. agrees to put forward no additional demands.

The U.S. State Department then welcomed the Russian offer.

"We appreciate the Russian Federation's willingness to make progress on the issue of nuclear arms control," department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said. "The United States is prepared to meet immediately to finalize a verifiable agreement. We expect Russia to empower its diplomats to do the same."

There was no immediate indication of when the two sides might meet to conclude an agreement or what form it might take.

New START was signed in 2010 by then-U.S. President Barack Obama and then-Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. The pact limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers, and envisages sweeping on-site inspections to verify compliance.

After both Moscow and Washington withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty last year, New START was the only remaining nuclear arms control deal between the two countries.

Russia had offered to extend it without any conditions, while the Trump administration had initially insisted that it could only be renewed if China agreed to join. China has refused to consider the idea.

The U.S. recently modified its stance and proposed a one-year extension of the treaty, but said it must be coupled with the imposition of a broader cap on nuclear warheads. The cap would cover warheads attached to battlefield weapons, which are not limited by New START treaty because it only restricts strategic nuclear arsenals.

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Trump ups pressure on Barr to probe Bidens as election nears

By AAMER MADHANI and COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday called on Attorney General William Barr to immediately launch an investigation into unverified claims about Democrat Joe Biden and his son Hunter, effectively demanding that the Justice Department muddy his political opponent and abandon its historic resistance to getting involved in elections.

With just two weeks to go before Election Day, Trump for the first time explicitly called on Barr to investigate the Bidens and even pointed to the nearing Nov. 3 election as reason that Barr should not delay taking action. Trump has been leveling accusations of corruption against Biden without verified evidence for months, but is stepping up the pressure in the final days of the campaign.

"We've got to get the attorney general to act," Trump said in an interview on "Fox & Friends." "He's got to act, and he's got to act fast. He's got to appoint somebody. This is major corruption, and this has to be known about before the election."

Julian Zelizer, a presidential historian at Princeton University, suggested that Trump's pressure campaign on Barr has moved into uncharted territory for presidential politics.

"The question is, Does Barr erode the guidelines and reforms from the post-Watergate era and move forward with this?" Zelizer said. "We are seeing a total politicization of the justice system in the final stages of an election."

Trump's pressuring of Barr comes as national and battleground polls show him facing an increasingly narrow path to reelection. The president has repeatedly cited Hunter Biden's past —often with unsubstantiated claims – as a reason that voters can't trust Biden in the White House.

The president has been promoting an unconfirmed New York Post report published last week that cites an email in which an official from Ukrainian gas company Burisma thanked Hunter Biden, who served on the company's board, for arranging for him to meet Joe Biden during a 2015 visit to Washington. The Biden campaign has rejected Trump's assertion of wrongdoing and noted that Biden's schedule did not show a meeting with the Burisma official.

Trump has yet to specify what crime he believes the Bidens have committed, but that has not stopped him from going as far as suggesting to voters that Biden belongs in jail.

The Justice Department did not respond to requests for comment on the president's call for an investigation.

The president's attempts to darken Biden's reputation in the final lap of the election echo his "lock her up" attacks in 2016 on Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, who faced FBI scrutiny in the final months of the campaign over her use of a private email server while conducting State Department business.

Trump is trying to use all levers of power at his disposal as he struggles to gain ground on Biden. He has also expressed increasing anger over the resistance of the Justice Department to some of his appeals.

In addition to his call for a Biden probe, the president has become frustrated with Barr over the pace of the Justice Department's investigation into the origin of the Russia probe, which will not be completed by Election Day.

Trump and his allies had high hopes for the probe, led by Connecticut U.S. Attorney John Durham, betting it would expose what they believe is wrongdoing when the FBI opened a case into whether the Trump campaign was coordinating with Russia to sway the 2016 election.

But a year and a half in, there's been only one criminal case: a former FBI lawyer who pleaded guilty to altering a government email about a former Trump campaign adviser who was a target of secret FBI surveillance.

Trump's hasn't hidden his frustration. He recently retweeted a photo of Barr with the caption "for the love of GOD ARREST SOMEBODY." During a rally in Arizona on Monday, he suggested Biden would be in prison if Barr wasn't such "a very nice man."

Rick Bowmer / AP file photo

Protesters demonstrate as a Salt Lake City police vehicle burns, in Salt Lake City, on May 30. Investigators studied video footage to find Jackson Stuart Tamowski Patton, 26, who is accused of tossing a combustible substance into the patrol car, feeding the flames that destroyed it, prosecutors said in court documents.

AP finds most arrested in protests aren't leftist radicals

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, COLLEEN LONG and MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump portrays the hundreds of people arrested nationwide in protests against racial injustice as violent urban left-wing radicals. But an Associated Press review of thousands of pages of court documents tells a different story.

Very few of those charged appear to be affiliated with highly organized extremist groups, and many are young suburban adults from the very neighborhoods Trump vows to protect from the violence in his reelection push to win support from the suburbs.

Attorney General William Barr has urged his prosecutors to bring federal charges on protesters who cause violence and has suggested that rarely used sedition charges could apply. And the Department of Justice has pushed for detention even as prisons across the U.S. were releasing high-risk inmates because of COVID-19 and prosecutors had been told to consider the risks of incarceration during a pandemic when seeking detention.

Defense attorneys and civil rights activists are questioning why the Department of Justice has taken on cases to begin with. They say most belong in state court, where defendants typically get much lighter sentences. And they argue federal authorities appear to be cracking down on protesters in an effort to stymie demonstrations.

"It is highly unusual, and without precedent in recent American history," said Ron Kuby, a longtime attorney who isn't involved in the cases but has represented scores of clients over the years in protest-related incidents. "Almost all of the conduct that's being charged is conduct that, when it occurs, is prosecuted at the state and local level."

In one case in Utah, where a police car was burned, federal prosecutors had to defend why they were bringing arson charges in federal court. They said it was appropriate because the patrol car was used in interstate commerce.

Not to say there hasn't been violence. Other police cars have been set on fire. Officers have been injured and blinded. Windows have been smashed, stores looted, businesses destroyed.

Of more than 300 arrested, there are about 286 defendants, others had charges dropped. Some live in cities like Portland and Seattle where local prosecutors declined to bring some protest-related charges.

Some of those facing charges undoubtedly share far-left and anti-government views. Far-right protesters also have been arrested and charged. Some defendants have driven to protests from out of state. Some have criminal records and were illegally carrying weapons. Others are accused of using the protests as an opportunity to steal or create havoc.

But many have had no previous run-ins with the law and no apparent ties to antifa, the umbrella term for leftist militant groups that Trump has said he wants to declare a terrorist organization.

Even though most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, Trump has made "law and order" a major part of his reelection campaign, casting the protests as lawless and violent in mostly Democratic cities he says have done nothing to stymie the mayhem. If the cities refuse to properly clamp down, he says, the federal government has to step in.

U.S. overdose deaths appear to rise amid pandemic

By MIKE STOBBE and ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

Matthew Davidson was beating his heroin addiction. The 31-year-old was attending group recovery meetings. He had a restaurant job he liked. He was a doting uncle to a baby nephew.

Then the coronavirus pandemic hit. Davidson lost his job. He started staying home alone in his apartment near Georgetown, Kentucky – depressed and yearning for his recovery support group that had stopped gathering in person, said his cousin Melanie Wyatt.

On May 25, his girlfriend came home to find him dead of a drug overdose.

Davidson was part of a surge in overdose deaths that hit Kentucky this spring. May was its deadliest month for overdoses in at least five years. At the end of August, the state had seen almost as many overdose deaths as it had in all of 2019.

It is not alone. National data is incomplete, but available information suggests U.S. drug overdose deaths are on track to reach an all-time high. Addiction experts blame the pandemic, which has left people stressed and isolated, disrupted treatment and recovery programs, and contributed to an increasingly dangerous illicit drug supply.

Before the coronavirus even arrived, the U.S. was in the midst of the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in its history, with a record 71,000 overdose deaths last year.

This year's tally likely will surpass that, according to preliminary death data from nine states reviewed by The Associated Press and national data on emergency responses to reported drug overdoses.

National numbers take months to tabulate, because tests and death investigations can take time even when medical examiners offices are not stretched thin by a pandemic. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted a count through March, the month when COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths jumped in the Northeast and when stay-at-home orders and other virus measures began.

The full effect of those closures won't be seen until April and May, experts say. Still the latest numbers shows deaths trending up: Nearly 74,000 overdose deaths were counted from April 2019 to March 2020, up from the 68,000 reported for the comparable period one year earlier.

"The new CDC data confirms our fears that COVID-19 is exacerbating the already devastating overdose crisis," said Jules Netherland, who oversees research at the Drug Policy Alliance, a nonprofit that focuses of illicit drug use issues.

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ELECTION 2020

4 candidates vie for 3 available Lakeshore seats

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

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STEVENSVILLE — Four candidates are competing for three open seats on the Lakeshore Board of Education in November.

Board Vice President Kevin Bushu and Trustees Griffin Ott and Jay Meeth will face newcomer Tonya Jahnke for the six-year seats.

Scott Allan is running uncontested for a partial term, which will end in 2022.

Not seeking re-election is Trustee Mark Whitwam.

Vice President Bushu, 49, of St. Joseph said he wants to be re-elected to a third term so he can continue giving back to the community he lives in and supporting "the amazing educators within our district."

He said managing the school district's budget is the biggest challenge, as state funding keeps falling further behind the cost of educating the students, which includes maintaining the facilities and paying the staff.

"Safety is always a priority, and we are in unprecedented times currently with the additional precautions and challenges presented by COVID," he said.

Besides being on the school board, he said he has served on the boards and committees of several nonprofits for years.

"I believe my time on the school board in various committees, along with my experience in finance, non-profits and multiple volunteer boards, give me a great perspective on many of the issues we face on the board of education, and it would be my honor to continue my service to the district," he said.

Bushu is an indirect national sales advisor at United Federal Credit Union.

He and his wife, Kelly Bushu, have two adult children who graduated from Lakeshore High School and two children currently attending the school.

Tonya Jahnke of Stevensville said she is a former business/marketing teacher at Lakeshore High School, the parent of a child at Lakeshore Middle School and a Lakeshore alumni, class of 1987.

Because of her diverse experience with the district, she said she would be able to look at situations facing board trustees from different points of view.

"As a former teacher, I understand how decisions made can translate into the classroom," she said. "As a parent, I am able to relate how things affect the families of our district. And as a Lakeshore alum, I truly understand and appreciate the school's motto, 'Grounded in Tradition, Committed to Excellence.'"

In addition, she and her husband, Mark Jahnke, have a adult son who graduated from Lakeshore High School in 2018.

"I know that I still wish to contribute to a school district that has been a big part of my life," she said. "It is my hope that I can continue to serve the Lakeshore School District as a member of the school board."

Jay Meeth, 44, of Stevensville was appointed to the board in June. He said he wants to continue serving on the board to give back to the community.

"The role of a good educational system is critical in preparing our children for not only advanced education but adulthood in general," he said.

He said the top issue facing the district is getting through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID creates a unique set of challenges and has forced a fast evolution of how we teach our kids," he said. "The ability to teach remotely, in-person and the flexibility to transition between the two models is extremely important."

And he said this needs to be done while keeping the students and staff safe.

"Getting as much in-person learning that is safely possible is critical," he said. "... Our educational system is meant to level the playing field for all students and if the playing field transitions to the home, not all homes are level and each home has unique challenges."

Meeth is a regional manager of Watchman at Boston Scientific.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Meeth, have two young children ages 10 and 12.

Griffin Ott, 41, of Stevensville was appointed to the board in October 2019.

He said he has a unique perspective with the district due to being a Lakeshore alumni with two daughters in the district, who are in kindergarten and eighth grade.

He said one of the toughest decisions the board made this past year was whether to return to in-person learning this fall.

"As a board member, we considered all sides of the argument," he said. "Ultimately, I am proud to say that the board made the tough, but correct decision to return kids to the classroom, with an education option for those who couldn't or did not want to return in person. The data has shown that the protocols put into place have worked and Lakeshore Public Schools is a safe place to work and for children to learn."

Ott is an insurance agent at Ott Insurance Agency in Baroda.

He and his wife, Katherine Ott, have two daughters.

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COLORFUL RUN

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A jogger runs along Vine Street on Monday morning in St. Joseph, near the railroad tracks, on a cool but pleasant autumn day.

SH officials choose developer for Overton site

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Redevelopment of a former factory site into a residential community for middle-income families continues to inch forward, but don't expect homes to be popping up anytime soon.

City council members on Monday approved a six-month due diligence agreement between the city and The Habitat Co. LLC, a Chicago-based development firm.

Over the next six months, both the city, which owns the Overton property, and The Habitat staff will determine whether partnering is in the best interest of both parties, according to Ryan Kilpatrick, a housing consultant the city hired to help in redevelopment of the Overton site.

"Due diligence gives the development group security that they have exclusive rights to work with you before a purchase agreement is signed," Kilpatrick said. But signing of the dotted line won't happen overnight, he cautioned.

"There's still a lot of work to be done," Kilpatrick told council members.

The Habitat Co. was one of three development groups the Overton Redevelopment Committee spent time reviewing over the past two months. The committee consisted of representatives from the city council, city staff, South Haven Housing Commission, and neighbors who live near the Overton site. After analyzing proposals from the three companies and interviewing their representatives, the Redevelopment Committee selected The Habitat Co. as the city's preferred developer.

"In the process of reviewing each proposal, the process focused on qualifications, experience, and the capacity to execute the project in terms of price points and building types," Kilpatrick said. "Habitat Co. is a very strong team with a lot of background in affordable and market-rate housing."

Habitat staff will now gather data, meet with city officials and gather input from local residents to come up with a proposed site plan for the development. However, what mix of housing – apartments, duplexes, market-rate homes, condominiums or townhomes – will be built on the Overton site remains to be determined.

Although all three developers were asked to put together a proposed mixed-housing community modeled after one set forth by the city, the final site plan could be different based on the upcoming discussions between The Habitat Co., city officials and local residents.

"There's concern we are putting ink to an agreement (to build the development). We are nowhere near that," Mayor Scott Smith said.

Some of the concerns come from residents who live in the Factory Condominiums, located just west of the Overton property.

Several residents told city council members on Monday that hey worry about how many housing complexes will be built, whether there will be enough parking, and the height of some of the apartment buildings that were part of the proposals submitted by developers.

Patrick Campbell, of the Factory Condos, questioned whether people who are considered as the "missing-middle" would want to even live in townhomes, apartments or condominiums.

"Why would they want to live in a high-density complex?" asked Campbell, who also questioned proposals that showed a three-story apartment complex fronting both Elkenburg Street and the Factory Condominiums.

But Kilpatrick cautioned that a variety of housing will be necessary in order to make the homes affordable on the Overton property.

"To be clear, affordable home-ownership is possible," he wrote in a memo to city council members. "However, the minimum average cost of construction in today's market is $150 per square foot, with additional costs related to infrastructure, land, and financing on top of that.

"Multi-unit buildings tend to be much more financially viable and affordable than single-family products. Taller buildings (three stories or more) tend to be more cost-effective than single-story or two-story buildings, especially where an elevator is required. All of these factors must be balanced against desires to maintain a more traditional single-family, small-format design profile."

IN BRIEF

Berrien records another COVID-19 death

The number of recorded COVID-19 cases continues to rise Tuesday in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Berrien County recorded another COVID-19 death Tuesday, bringing the county's pandemic death toll to 78.

As of Tuesday, the county has had 2,199 confirmed cases, 293 probable cases and 1,862 recoveries since the county began tracking pandemic information in March.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 18 COVID-19 positive patients at the hospital Tuesday morning.

Cass County recorded 25 new cases on Tuesday, bringing its total to 799. The county's death toll from COVID-19 remained at 23.

Van Buren County added eight new cases Tuesday, bringing the total to 872. No new deaths were recorded.

SH council inks contract with new city manager

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — It's official.

Kate Hosier is now manager for the city of South Haven. Council members on Monday put their stamp of approval on a contract for the new leader.

HOSIER

"We are excited to have you sitting in that chair," Mayor Scott Smith told Hosier after council members unanimously OK'd her contract.

"I'm excited to get started," Hosier said, noting that she is the first woman to be hired as a South Haven city manager.

Both Smith and the city Human Resources Director Kim Wise hammered out the pact with Hosier after council members voted to hire her three weeks ago. Approval of Hosier's contract was the final step in the process to replace Brian Dissette, who left at the end of June to become Berrien County administrator.

"We've been working on this (replacing Dissette) for the past four months," Wise said. "We had 21 great candidates. We narrowed that number to 7, and from there narrowed it to two. In end, the city voted to do negotiations with Kate."

Wise and Smith negotiated a starting salary of $104,000 for Hosier. Rather than putting a timeline on the contract, Hosier will be reviewed annually, as was done with Dissette. Her other benefits include a $6,000 annual car allowance, medical benefits, term life insurance coverage in the amount of $50,000, and a six-month severance package.

"To ensure that we offered a fair, yet competitive compensation package, I reviewed data from the Michigan Municipal League's annual salary and benefits surveys, the city's historical and current salary structure, and the city's personnel handbook and collective bargaining agreements," Wise said. "I also took into consideration previous employment and severance agreements that I have written throughout my career. The mayor worked diligently to gather feedback from members of council on what they felt would be a fair contract."

Cook Unit 1 back online after refueling outage

BRIDGMAN — Indiana Michigan Power's Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 1 has completed its refueling outage, which began Sept. 19, connecting to the transmission grid on Monday, according to a news release.

The outage lasted 30 days. In addition to refueling the reactor and performing regular maintenance and testing activities, other significant project work included upgrades to the main control room electrical distribution system, and inspections on the main generator that were required following a stator rewind project completed in the previous refueling outage in the spring of 2019. This particular outage was notably shorter than past outages, in part due to deliberate efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, according to the release.

"In the early stages of the pandemic, we were able to see how other nuclear plants around the world managed the impact on their workforce," said Joel Gebbie, AEP's senior vice president and chief nuclear officer. "We made a significant effort to reduce those potential impacts on our fall 2020 Unit 1 refueling outage. This included bringing in a smaller-than-usual supplemental workforce, and postponing non-essential elective work to shorten the duration of our outage."

Prior to the start of the outage, Cook's Unit 1 had operated for 499 consecutive days at a capacity factor of 98.1 percent, generating 12,242,705 megawatt-hours of electricity. It was the third straight cycle that Cook Unit 1 consistently remained online between refueling outages, also known as a back-to-back, breaker-to-breaker run.

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Education funding should be top priority

With less than two weeks to go before election day, here are two education funding questions that I would like to hear candidates for state representative answer:

College tuition rates have skyrocketed in Michigan over the past 20 years. For instance, undergraduate tuition at Michigan State University in 1999-2000 was $147.25 per credit hour. In 2019-2020, MSU undergrad tuition had increased to $482 per credit hour. That is an increase of 327 percent. During the same period of time the consumer price index increased by 54 percent. In other words, MSU tuition has increased six times faster than the rate of inflation over the past two decades.

Robert Burgess
Opinion Maker

Why? During that same 20 years, state of Michigan funding for Michigan Universities has *decreased* by $210 million, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency. This despite the fact that the Legislature annually diverts millions from the K-12 School Aid Fund to pay for university operations. Twenty years ago, the state diverted $121 million from K-12 School Aid to pay for universities. This fiscal year, the State budget calls for $356 million or about $240 per K-12 student to be taken from School Aid to pay for universities.

The term "defund" has been overused of late. But in this case, it is appropriate. Why have we taxpayers turned a blind eye to the Michigan Legislature's defunding our universities? If higher education appropriations in the state had simply kept pace with CPI inflation the last two decades, the Legislature would have *increased* funding by over a $1 billion. In my book, Michigan's Legislature has defunded higher education in Michigan this year alone by $1.2 billion. And over the last 20 years? Higher education has been defunded by about $15 billion if appropriations had just kept pace with inflation.

Why are tuition rates at MSU increasing six times faster than CPI inflation? It is not really that complicated an answer. The Legislature has cut state funding for higher education. Michigan has an exceptional quality of universities for students to choose from. Why are we risking our state's future by defunding higher education and risking the quality of our universities?

Do our candidates for state representative think we ought to invest in Michigan's young people, and help their parents plan for their child's college future, by investing in higher education? And if not, why not?

Michigan's Legislature also has made K-12 funding for our urban schools more challenging the last two decades. True, the per student foundation allowance has increased. In 1999-2000, the minimum or basic foundation allowance per K-12 student was $5,700. Last year, it was increased to $8,111. That is a 42 percent increase in 20 years. That is close but under the 54 percent increase in the CPI in the same time period, but better than the decrease in funding that higher education has experienced.

But let's take a deeper dive into the state funding for one local school district, Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Benton Harbor received $34.5 million in all state aid, including restricted categories, in 1999-2000. Last year, the district received $10.9 million. To state it simply, Benton Harbor Area Schools has had a *decrease* of $23.6 million in state aid from 20 years ago. Sounds like defunding to me. Now there are a lot of reasons for this, the primary one being that the district's enrollment has declined from over 6,200 students to only 1,745 last year. Many of the students have opted to attend schools of choice in neighboring districts or charter schools within Benton Harbor.

Now, I am not going to criticize schools of choice or charter schools. Parents are making those decisions on behalf of their children. But I do believe that Benton Harbor and all of Berrien County need Benton Harbor Area Schools and Benton Harbor children to thrive and succeed. I don't have a specific answer for this. I just know that cash starving Benton Harbor Area Schools year after year isn't working.

Do our state representative candidates care about the future of Benton Harbor Area Schools? Are they willing to work for and listen to the needs of the community and educational funding experts to find solutions? All children in Berrien County deserve a quality education. Benton Harbor children are no exception.

I have not heard a lot about education funding this election cycle. Normally, state politicians are fond of saying education is their number one priority. Let's make their actions speak louder than this year's silence. Michigan's future depends on it.

Robert L. Burgess, a Michigan native, has lived in Lincoln Township since 1993. Email: robert_l_burgess@sbcglobal.net.

LETTERS

Wendzel has kept her promises

Editor,

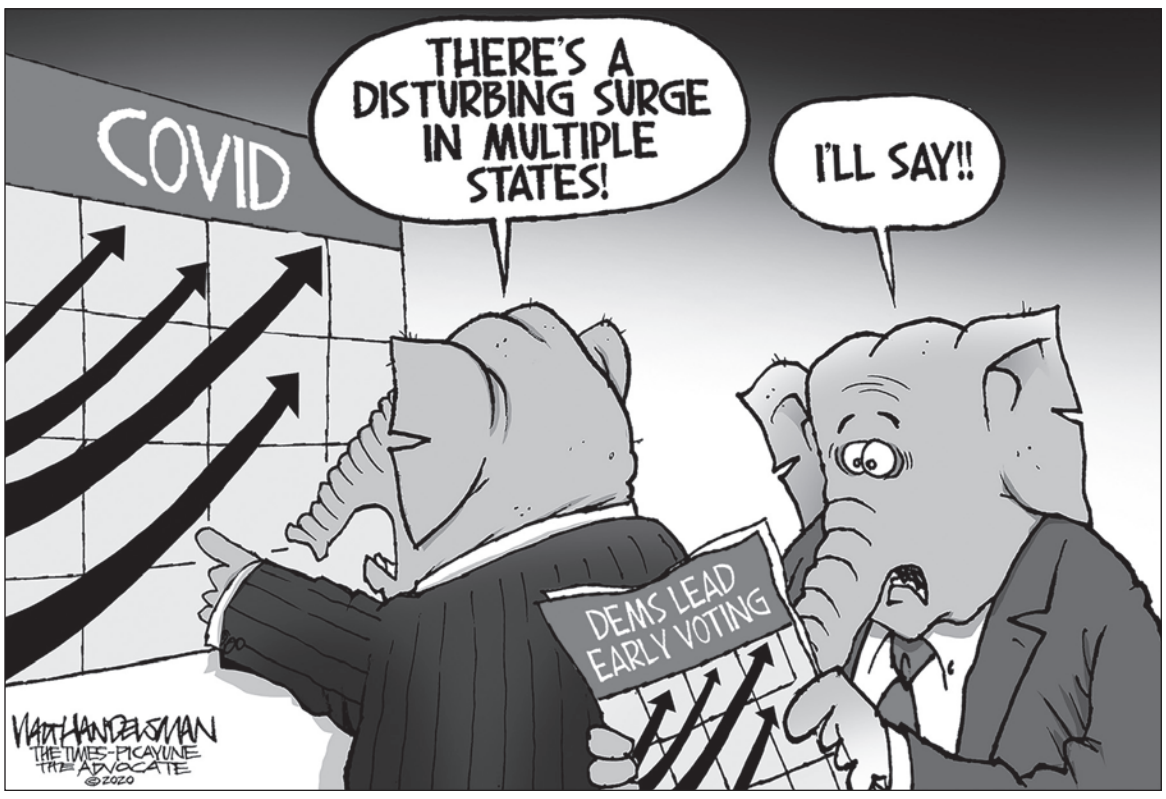
As a health care professional right here in Berrien County, I'm asking my community to support my friend and 79th District State Rep. Pauline Wendzel.

When the pandemic hit, Pauline Wendzel got to work right away protecting our first responders and healthcare heroes, realizing we were on the front lines and needed protection and support. Pauline worked with her colleagues in a bipartisan manner to appropriate more than $100 million to immediately respond to the virus, ensuring health care workers would have the personal protective equipment they desperately needed to provide the safest care for everyone.

Pauline worked, guided by doctors and medical experts, to deliver meaningful and bipartisan actions to keep our community safe and help our state recover. Pauline has helped pass legislation to provide relief for our friends and neighbors, who are unfortunately still struggling with unemployment and resulting economic reverses. She has helped pass legislation protecting our health care heroes and small businesses like mine from frivolous lawsuits and helped pass legislation providing greater flexibility to our local governments. Pauline promised she would always stand ready to work in a bipartisan manner to lead our state, and she did just that.

Pauline Wendzel has served our community with dignity and always shows kind understanding for each and every concern brought to her attention. As a health care professional and owner of a small assisted living home caring for vulnerable and aged seniors, I have greatly appreciated knowing Pauline is available to answer any questions across the gamut from accepting admissions to safe visiting and everything in between. If Pauline does not know, she promptly gets back to me with a correct answer. She had my back during this pandemic, now I have her back. I'm asking our community to join me in supporting her on Nov. 3.

Wendy Demarest
St. Joseph
Administrator and owner,
Gilead Elder Care



Griffin is effective voice for Van Buren County

Editor,

State Rep. Beth Griffin works hard for our community, supporting critical supplies during coronavirus, volunteering at her local food pantry, and standing up for seniors in nursing homes. As we confront coronavirus and the challenge of rebuilding our economy, we can trust Beth Griffin to effectively work for our families, small businesses and community.

While the opposition is continually pushing massive tax increases and job-destroying regulations, Beth will advance common sense policies to stay safe, build a healthy economy and support important priorities like schools, law enforcement and rural broadband access. Rep. Griffin works hard, cares, and serves as an effective independent voice for Van Buren County. I strongly endorse Beth Griffin's re-election and hope you will join me in voting for her on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Aric Nesbitt
Lawton
State Senator

Upton is right choice for public safely

Editor,

Congressional candidate Jon Hoadley voted against a resolution that encouraged local units of government to not defund or abolish their police departments. I find it appalling that Jon Hoadley, who's running for Congress, thinks that this is an actual solution to the problem.

Law enforcement is a vital function of our government and everyday life; defunding a program that is already struggling to pay for necessary resources to function is a huge mistake. Hoadley's extreme partisan ideology has the potential to affect the safety of our communities. Our law enforcement officers need more resources, not less.

Voting against this resolution sends a chilling message to our local leaders. The officers who risk their lives every day in our communities are now having to deal with a bombardment of over-generalizations and misrepresentations. Hoadley's ideas, and votes, perpetuate these extreme thoughts. Jon Hoadley is too extreme for Southwest Michigan.

Fred Upton is the only pro-public safety candidate in this race and is endorsed by the Police Officers Association of Michigan. Please join me in voting for Fred Upton on or before Nov. 3.

Dennis M. Grosse
Niles

Pitchford believes in opportunity for all

Editor,

Former First Lady Michelle Obama's book "Becoming" has sold more than 11 million copies. If you've tried to order any books about anti-racism since George Floyd was killed last May, you understand the urgent shift in the way good people wish to rebuild our communities. Perhaps that's why voters received a postcard in our mailboxes with a black and white photo of a typewriter and a beefed-up photo of a (rarely) unsmiling Chokwe Pitchford.

These books and the candidacy of Pitchford, Rayonte Bell and other Black and Brown "folkx" help us all connect dots between racist policies, practices and legislation that white people were permitted to unsee before Trump and his racist administration.

We didn't choose blatant attacks on and holding back women and our families, especially Black and brown ones, for the Republican party. When they chose Trump, they chose that for themselves. The GOP's mission has become about obstruction and keeping good working people from participating in our economy and in our government. To keep people from voting – either through actual voter suppression or by threats and intimidation like the caravan of sirens and pseudo police and fire vehicles that blew through town last week, taking in vain the names of patriots, God and country.

Or by simply fomenting division to keep us from trusting our own inner voices, our values and our core beliefs that all families deserve equal access to health care, to education, to opportunity and prosperity. To a deep understanding that the America we love isn't there yet and that it badly needs to be.

The only way we help her become the America we believed she was is by electing people who believe deeply in an America that keeps her promises to all who live here. In the 79th district, that's Chokwe Pitchford.

Kim Jorgensen Gane
St. Joseph

VandenHeede is the only viable choice

Editor,

I'm writing to endorse Dan VandenHeede to represent Michigan's 78th legislative district. He's a teacher believing in the American public education system that has served us so well for 175 years. Using taxpayer dollars to fund private and for-profit educational systems is not the USA way, and flies in the face of any notion of meritocracy in our country.

Dan will represent the political and economic issues critical to anyone who works for a living. His over 20 years on the Niles City Council have given him the governmental experience we need as residents of the 78th. Time after time, voting on the Niles City Council, his votes have served the interests of local taxpayers (and not billionaires from Grand Rapids.)

Dan is the only viable choice for intelligent, critically thinking women and men in our district. Please support democracy, reason and science and vote for Dan.

Alan Robandt
Buchanan

Support helps Lions help others

Editor,

The St. Joe Lions Club thanks everyone in our community for their generous support of our White Cane Drive that the club is conducting during the month of October. Pandemic restrictions have caused us to cancel our primary fundraiser, the Holiday Arts and Craft Show normally held in November, causing our club to explore alternatives in fundraising. The generous people of our community have contributed over $5,000 to this drive, allowing our club to continue our service activities in the community.

These include being a sponsor of Vision Outreach International by helping in its vision surgery efforts in third world countries. The club annually places flags on the graves of veterans at Riverview Cemetery. The club helps sponsor Lions Beach Park, paints swing supports along Lake Bluff Park, paints picnic benches at many of the city parks, and has helped the city purchase playground equipment and recycling containers.

The St. Joe Lions provide college scholarships to local high school students, help sponsor the St. Joe High School "Average Joes" robotics team, contributed to the construction of the high school Edward Todd Innovation Center, and athletic scoreboards. But the signature activity of the club is Camp Leo, a weeklong camping experience for cognitively, physical, visually and hearing challenged youth in our community. The money collected by our club in our fundraising activities sponsors these activities and allows our club to demonstrate our motto of "We Serve" in our area. But we could not conduct these activities without the generous support of our community.

Contributions can still be sent to the St. Joseph Lions Club, PO Box 352, St. Joseph, MI 49084. Or you may contribute through the club's White Cane Go Fund Me account at https://sites.google.com/site/sjlions/ or stjoelions.com.

Again, thank you for your generous support.

Tom Gazella
White Cane Committee
St. Joseph Lions Club

ANOTHER OPINION

Political criticism OK then and now

In 2008, a conservative nonprofit organization, Citizens United, tried releasing its anti-Hillary Clinton documentary "Hillary: The Movie." It was set to air as video on demand close to a key Democratic presidential primary – except that was banned under the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, usually called McCain-Feingold, as "electioneering communication."

In a 5-4 decision in 2010, the Supreme Court would hold that no law could constitutionally prevent Citizens United from airing its documentary or advertising it. The First Amendment's protections of free speech were a higher value, even if that speech came from a nonprofit or (gasp!) a corporation.

Never has a ruling become a bigger boogeyman for the American left, which insisted that opening the floodgates to such corrosive spending would forever corrupt the democratic process – conveniently disregarding the fact that the press has always had a constitutionally protected blank check to engage in "electioneering communications," and further failing to understand that political speech has always rightly been considered the most vital to protect.

Cut to October 2020. Documentarian Alex Gibney and two co-directors have just released a documentary about Donald Trump and the coronavirus. "Totally Under Control" is unapologetically anti-Trump, and that's fine with us, because he has totally botched the response and deserves to be excoriated.

What isn't fine with us is that many liberals – the very same liberals who decried the Citizens United film and the ruling in its favor – will salute the directors and the production company, curl up on the couch and stream the movie on Amazon Prime, Apple and Hulu.

Political speech is precious. It ought to be protected, whether it's in an election season or not, whether it comes from a nonprofit or a corporation or individual, and whether it attacks a Democratic candidate or a Republican incumbent.

– New York Daily News

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Election letters

Due to high volume, letters related to candidates and issues in upcoming elections will be limited to 300 words.

NATO to set up new space center amid China, Russia concerns

KESTER, Belgium (AP) — To a few of the locals, the top-secret, fenced-off installation on the hill is known as "the radar station." Some folks claim to have seen mysterious Russians in the area. Over the years, rumors have swirled that it might be a base for U.S. nuclear warheads.

It's easy to see how the rumors start. The site is visually striking. Four huge white Kevlar balls sit like giant spherical spacecraft in a compound in the middle of open farm country 16 miles west of Belgium's capital, Brussels.

But the Kester Satellite Ground Station is both safer and more sophisticated than local lore might suggest. It's central to space communications at NATO – the biggest and most modern of four such stations the military alliance runs.

Around 2,000 satellites orbit the earth, over half operated by NATO countries, ensuring everything from mobile phone and banking services to weather forecasts. NATO commanders in places like Afghanistan or Kosovo rely on some of them to navigate, communicate, share intelligence and detect missile launches.

This week, the site at Kester is set to fall under a new orbit, when NATO announces that it is creating a space center to help manage satellite communications and key parts of its military operations around the world.

In December, NATO leaders declared space to be the alliance's "fifth domain" of operations, after land, sea, air and cyberspace. Over two days of talks starting Thursday, NATO defense ministers will greenlight a new space center at the alliance's Air Command in Ramstein, Germany.

"This will be a focal point for ensuring space support to NATO operations, sharing information and coordinating our activities," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said before the meeting.

It's part of the alliance's efforts to keep ahead in a fast moving and hi-tech sector, particularly amid concern about what member countries say is increasingly aggressive behavior in space by China and Russia.

Around 80 countries have satellites and private companies are moving in too. In the 1980s, just a fraction of NATO's communications was via satellite. Today, it's at least 40 percent. During the Cold War, NATO had more than 20 stations, but new technologies mean the world's biggest security organization can double its coverage with a fifth of that number.

At Kester, behind a double security fence, massive steel gates and bulletproof glass in a facility that can withstand a terror attack or any attempt to jam communications, four satellite dishes ensconced in Kevlar domes connect NATO's civilian and military headquarters in Belgium to their operations around the world.

From their elevated position, the dishes – two of them 52 feet in diameter – beam information and imagery down across Europe and over Africa into space above the equator where satellites owned by allies like the United States, Britain, France and Italy orbit. NATO itself doesn't own any satellites.

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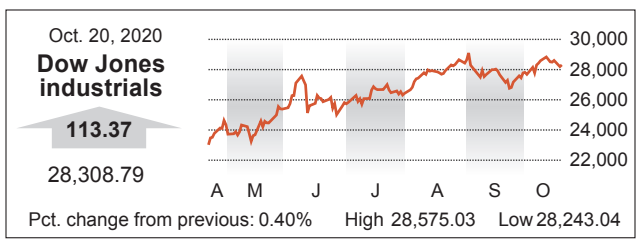

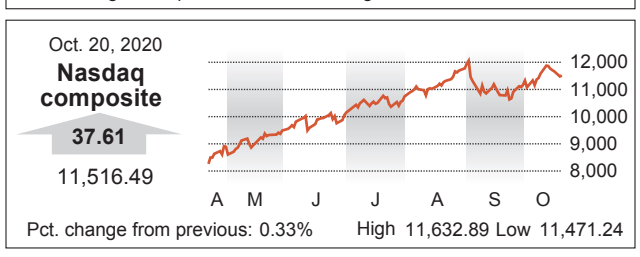

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OBITUARIES

Darla Auer

March 17, 1936 – Oct. 19, 2020

Darla Auer, 84, of Roswell, Ga., passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord and Savior on Oct. 19, 2020.

Born March 17, 1936, in Haiti, Mo., Darla was raised by her loving parents, Louis and Edna Connors in St. Joseph.

Upon graduation from St. Joseph's High School, Darla moved to Chicago, and entered Swedish Covenant Hospital's nursing program, where she initially developed the nursing skills that would serve her for a lifetime.

In the late 1960s Darla relocated to Chamblee, Ga., where she continued to practice nursing, and raise her family. Throughout the late 1960s and 1970s, Darla invested significant personal energy as a volunteer and parental advocate with the state of Georgia and the DeKalb County Public School system to develop special education programs for students with physical, medical and developmental needs. In addition to raising her family, Darla dedicated herself to providing excellent nursing care.

Darla specialized in infusion therapy and was recognized within the medical community as one of metropolitan Atlanta's finest infusion therapy nurses. Upon retirement, Darla once again turned her focus to proving the care for her daughter, Mary Ellen, that only a mother could provide. Darla's training and skills served her extremely well long after she completed her professional service.

Darla is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Vivian Connors Bobbitt, and her grandson, Matthew Auer.

Darla is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Michael and Debbie Auer of Holly Springs, N.C.; Mark and Lee Auer of Roswell; daughter, Mary Ellen Auer of Marietta, Ga.; as well as grandchildren; Daniel Auer of Emeryville, Calif., Joshua Auer of Norcross, Ga., and favorite granddaughter, Dr. Rachel Auer of Greenville, S.C.

Sign the online guest book at www.fischerperimeterchapel.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (www.jdrf.org).

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. at Fischer Funeral Care. The family will receive guests one hour prior to the service at Fischer Funeral Care, 3742 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, 678-514-1000.

Death notices

Darla Auer, 84, of Roswell, Ga., formerly of St. Joseph died Oct. 19, 2020. Fischer Funeral Care, Atlanta, 678-514-1000.

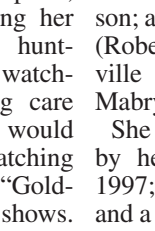
Robert Frederick Conway, 77, of Niles died Oct. 18, 2020. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Betty J. Roberts, 83, of Stevensville died Oct. 18, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sandra Lee Weinert, 76, of South Haven died Oct. 15, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Dale Post

April 27, 1955 – Oct. 4, 2020



Dale Post, 65, of Dowagiac passed away Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Caring Circle Hospice or Paws of Hope. Those wishing to share a memory of Dale online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dale was born April 27, 1955, in Stevensville to Dale and Mary (Gordon) Post.

He graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1973. He then attended Ferris State University where he received his bachelor's degree.

On July 9, 1983, he married Bobbi Drumm in Coloma.

Dale worked for the Cook Nuclear Plant for 35 years, retiring as a corrective action specialist. In his spare time Dale enjoyed golfing, fishing and was an avid University of Michigan and Green Bay Packers Fan.

Dale is survived by his wife, Bobbi Post; son, Brian Post; daughter, Jennifer (Dustin) Wagner; grandchildren: Nathan and Michael Wagner; and sister, Lissa (Jonn) Quigno.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Steve Post; and grandson, Ethan Wagner.

Betty Roberts

Feb. 15, 1937 – Oct. 18, 2020

Betty J. Roberts, 83, of Stevensville passed away at her home surrounded by her daughter and her caregiver, Ann, on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Marc Danapilis officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit from noon-1 p.m. Friday.

Those wishing to sign Betty's guest book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan or Anchor Church of God.

Betty was born in Chicago, on Feb. 15, 1937 to Frank and Isabella (Davis) Catania.

On Oct. 20, 1956, she married the love of her life, Clois Roberts, in Benton Harbor.

During her life, she worked at Heathkit/Zenith in St. Joseph. Betty enjoyed sports, camping, riding her motorcycle, hunting, cooking, watching birds and taking care of her dogs. No one would interrupt her time watching "Days of Our Lives," "Golden Girls" or Western shows. She was a volunteer for Special Olympics and for handicapped children.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela (Mike) Zandarski of Baroda; son, Clois Roberts, Jr. of Stevensville; a grandson, Terrell Morrison; one great-grandson; and two sisters: Carmen (Robert) Bryant of Stevensville and Barbara (Dennis) Mabry of Benton Harbor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clois, in 1997; a son, Ronald in 2020, and a sister, Mary Lou Ross.

Special thanks to Hospice at Home, Caring Circle, and her caregivers: Shirley, Anita, Jennifer and Ann.

Justice Dept. files landmark antitrust case against Google

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on Tuesday sued Google for abusing its dominance in online search and advertising – the government's most significant attempt to protect competition since its groundbreaking case against Microsoft more than 20 years ago.

And it could just be an opening salvo. Other major tech companies including Apple, Amazon and Facebook are under investigation at both the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission.

"Google is the gateway to the internet and a search advertising behemoth," U.S. Deputy Attorney General Jeff Rosen told reporters. "It has maintained its monopoly power through exclusionary practices that are harmful to competition."

Lawmakers and consumer advocates have long accused Google of abusing its dominance in online search and advertising. The case filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., alleges that Google uses billions of dollars collected from advertisers to pay phone manufacturers to ensure Google is the default search engine on browsers. That stifles competition and innovation from smaller upstart rivals to Google and harms consumers by reducing the quality of search and limiting privacy protections and alternative search options, the government alleges.

Critics contend that multibillion-dollar fines and mandated changes in Google's practices imposed by European regulators in recent years weren't severe enough and Google needs to be broken up to change its conduct. The Justice Department didn't lay out specific remedies along those lines, although it asked the court to order structural relief "as needed to remedy any anticompetitive harm."

That opens the door to possible fundamental changes such as a spinoff of the company's Chrome browser.

Google vowed to defend itself and responded immediately via tweet: "Today's lawsuit by the Department of Justice is deeply flawed. People use Google because they choose to – not because they're forced to or because they can't find alternatives."

Eleven states, all with Republican attorneys general, joined the federal government in the lawsuit. But several other states demurred.

The attorneys general of New York, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Tennessee and Utah released a statement Monday saying they have not concluded their investigation into Google and would want to consolidate their case with the DOJ's if they decided to file. "It's a bipartisan statement," said spokesman Fabien Levy of the New York State attorney general's office. "There's things that still need to be fleshed out, basically"

President Donald Trump's administration has long had Google in its sights. One of Trump's top economic advisers said two years ago that the White House was considering whether Google searches should be subject to government regulation. Trump has often criticized Google, recycling unfounded claims by conservatives that the search giant is biased against conservatives and suppresses their viewpoints.

Rosen told reporters that allegations of anti-conservative bias are "a totally separate set of concerns" from the issue of competition.

Jeff Chiu / AP FIle

A sign is shown on a Google building at their campus in Mountain View, Calif. on Sept. 24, 2019.

In Memoriam: This is in loving memory of our Mom, Marion Joanne Main, who left our Earth three years ago on October 21, 2017, but remains deeply with us in our hearts and spirit. Named after her Uncle Marion, but known by everyone as "Joanne", our Mom was born on December 13, 1933, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to Norman Dean Main and Lillian Houseworth Main. Joanne was the second of seven children, the younger sister of Betty, and an older sister to James, Linda, Sally, Ronald, and Rebecca. Joanne grew up as a farm girl in the Berrien Springs area, and married John H. Landeck in 1952. Together they raised four children: Cynthia, Jonathon, Valerie, and Charles. Our beautiful Mom was kind and thoughtful, and always involved in our lives as children, those of her six grandchildren (Nathan, Kristin, Ellen, Spencer, Alice, Connor) and of her three great grandchildren (Elli, Norah, Sam). Our Mom was also loved deeply by her daughters-in-law (Pamela Wright and Kathryn Mintz), sons-in-law (Richard Payovich and Michael Chaddock) and grandson-in-law (Brandon Cornell).

She was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout Den Mother in our hometown of Watervliet, Michigan, where she also helped pioneer organized Girls Softball Leagues in the 1960's. Our wonderful Mom taught us how to catch baseballs, kick footballs, sew and knit clothes, play Rummy, and cook for others, and she encouraged us to read books and the newspaper, and play music, sports, and any kind of physical activity at every opportunity. Our Mom was a wonderful cook herself, a hard worker, and always ready to laugh. She was an amazing seamstress as her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will attest. We think about our loving and lovable Mom every day, and we miss her terribly. She outlived her siblings, may they all rest in peace, and she spent the last 30 years of her life surrounded by her children, her grandchildren, and their families, living peacefully and in relatively good health in St. Joseph, Michigan.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Not ready to let the harvest moon slip away unnoticed, downtown merchants in South Haven are putting together a one-day festival focusing on popular autumn activities and Halloween. Harvest Moon Festival will take place in the city's central business district. Apple bobbing, a children's costume parade and pumpkin decorating contest, horse-drawn wagon rides and storytelling are among the events. Downtown merchants sponsoring the festival have agreed to don costumes. Shoppers will be asked to determine the winning attire.

1985 – 35 years ago

The second annual Hagar Township Community Halloween party will be Oct. 31 in the Community Building. The party is open to ages 2-12. Children should be in costume. Mrs. Fudge said last year's haunted house will again be open, and prizes will be given to game winners. Refreshments and candy will be available.

1970 – 50 years ago

The second of three in-service sessions will be Monday for St. Joseph Public Schools teachers with the emphasis on the new planetarium. Doyle Anderson, assistant superintendent for instruction, said the day will be devoted to furthering the teacher's knowledge of the planetarium, and the construction of related materials that can be used in the classrooms. The teachers will be divided into three groups, and the teachers who worked in developing the planetarium guide during the summer will serve as consultants. SJPS installed a planetarium in its new Upton Junior High School, and since then has been making plans to conduct courses in space, the planets and stars.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 21, the 295th day of 2020. There are 71 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 21, 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1892, schoolchildren across the U.S. observed Columbus Day (according to the Gregorian date) by reciting, for the first time, the original version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy for The Youth's Companion.

In 1941, superheroine Wonder Woman made her debut in All-Star Comics issue No. 8, published by All-American Comics, Inc. of New York.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen (AH'-kuhn).

In 1945, women in France were allowed to vote in parliamentary elections for the first time.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

In 1966, 144 people, 116 of them children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and some 20 houses in Aberfan, Wales.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers Likely	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Showers
57°	47°	72° / 58°	68° / 39°	51° / 37°	53° / 42°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers, high temperature of 57°, humidity of 69%. West wind 6 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 47°. East wind 6 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:05 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:53 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 1:50 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:53 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
10/23	10/31	11/8	11/15

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	56°
Low	42°
Normal High	61°
Normal Low	41°
Record High	84° in 2003
Record Low	32° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.94"
Normal for month	2.11"
Year to date	29.13"
Normal Year to date	30.86"

Air Quality

Yesterday 45
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

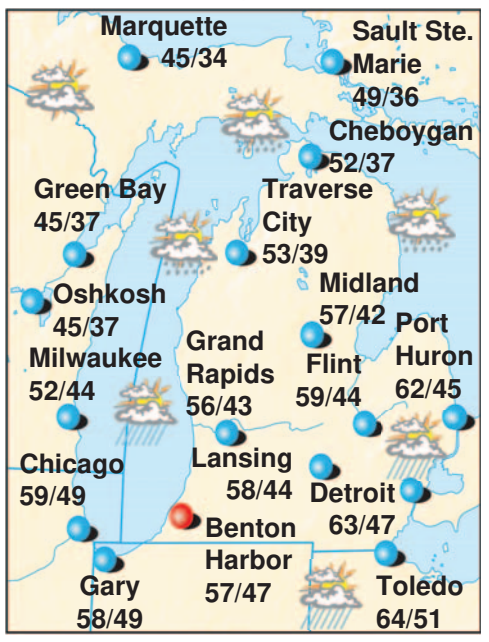
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

How long does it take the sound of thunder to travel one mile?

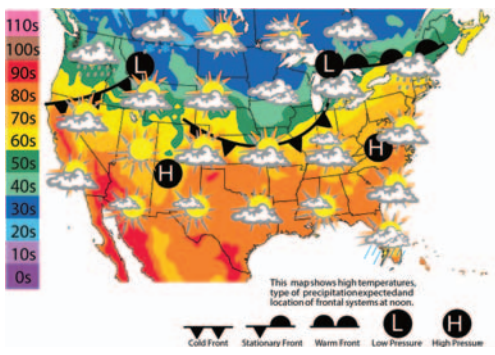
Answer: Five seconds.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 21, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 9 to 17 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 56 degrees. Tonight, ESE wind 5 to 9 kt. Showers likely. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. Southwest wind 7 to 21 mph. Expect cloudy skies Thursday with scattered rain and snow, highs from the 40s to the 60s. East southeast wind 1 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West wind 6 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with scattered showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. Southeast wind 6 to 14 mph.

San Francisco officials let people sue over racist 911 calls

By JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Fed up with white people calling 911 about people of color selling water bottles, barbecuing or otherwise going about their lives, San Francisco leaders unanimously approved hate crime legislation giving the targets of those calls the ability to sue the caller.

The Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday on the Caution Against Racial and Exploitative Non-Emergencies Act, also known as the CAREN legislation. It's a nod to a popular meme using the name "Karen" to describe an entitled white woman whose actions stem from her privilege, such as using police to target people of color.

All 11 supervisors signed on to the legislation, guaranteeing its passage, despite criticism that the name is sexist and divisive. It comes amid a national reckoning on race sparked by the police killings of Black Americans and instances where white people called for officers to investigate people of color.

"We don't want what happened to Emmett Till in 1955, or the long history of false accusations of black men and boys in this country, due to weaponizing law enforcement, to threaten, terrorize, and sometimes even kill them, to ever happen again," said Supervisor Shamann Walton, who introduced the legislation and is Black.

"I really want to emphasize that 911 is not a customer service line for someone's racist behavior," he said.

Walton was the only supervisor to speak. Till was a Black teenager beaten to death in 1955 after accusations by a white woman who later admitted to lying.

In May, Amy Cooper, a white woman, called 911 from Manhattan's Central Park, falsely claiming that a Black man – who had politely asked her to leash her dog – was threatening her. She has been charged with filing a false police report.

In San Francisco, a white couple was criticized on social media after video was widely shared of them questioning a Filipino American stenciling "Black Lives Matter" on a retaining wall in front of his home in June. They later called police.

James Juanillo said he chose yellow chalk to match the color of the house. When the couple approached him, they repeatedly demanded to know if it was his home because he was defacing private property.

"They tried to cast it as a criminal scene," he said. "It was me calmly applying chalk, not spray paint, not in the middle of the night but very deliberately. The only thing that was missing was a pinot grigio."

Supporters of the legislation say it is crushing to be confronted by police because someone saw you as a threat, possibly as a criminal or as not belonging. It's especially terrifying for Black people, whose encounters with police could end in violence.

"This is not hyperbole," said Brittni Chicuata, chief of staff for San Francisco's Human Rights Commission. "This is an established pattern reflected in the disparate treatment of Black people and other people of color in our city and in our country."

Other places have moved to make placing racist 911 calls a hate crime. California's governor recently signed a measure making the crime a misdemeanor punishable by jail time and a fine. New York approved legislation allowing the victims of racist 911 calls to sue.

The San Francisco legislation gives people the right to sue a 911 caller in civil court, and supporters hope it will make some think twice before turning to police. The discrimination need not be only racial; it can also be due to the person's sex, age, religion, disability, gender identity, weight or height.

The legislation does not spell out the standards needed to sue. But it notes that qualifying calls are those that caused the person to feel harassed or embarrassed; damaged the person's reputation or business prospects; or forced the person from an area where they had a lawful right to be.

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police cars pulled up.

Bell, 22, said the three of them were at different houses but within sight of each other when police arrived.

"It was an interesting experience," he said.

Pitchford, 21, said he knew right away what was happening.

"The lights were off," he said. "I actually walked up and was very interested in what was going on. I knew exactly what was happening, that the police were called on us and they were coming to talk to us about what we were doing."

Pitchford said the two officers, one Black and one white, told them they had received a call about three suspicious men walking down the street and looking into windows.

"Both the officers knew of me," Pitchford said. "Then Sen. Bullock introduced himself and they started to profusely apologize for whoever called the police on us, because it was very obvious what we were doing, even from a distance."

Pitchford and Bell said it was a positive encounter with the police, although Bell said he was a little worried at first.

"I just didn't know what was going on," he said. "When I saw the Black officer get out of the car, I was a little bit eased because I'm like, OK, if something goes down, I'm hoping that him being African American himself, he can understand the fear that we have."

St. Joseph Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker talked to The Herald-Palladium on Tuesday. Neubecker said he watched the body cam footage of the conversation, which lasted under two minutes.

"We got dispatched down there for a report of three Black males looking into windows and cars," Neubecker said.

He said that the officers realized right away that it was a false call and probably would have just driven by, but stopped to talk to the men.

"He wanted to let them know exactly what was going on," Neubecker said.

Neubecker further explained that after they received the anonymous call, they were bound by duty to investigate.

Pitchford said they were not looking into windows of houses and cars. He said that after they rang the doorbell, they took a step back because they wanted to maintain social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was very annoying but I'm happy that the officers were very understanding and they were very polite about it," he said. "... They were great."

Bell said it was nice that the community is small enough that the officers recognized them.

"We were blessed to have experienced that in a peaceful way," he said.

Bullock, chairman of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, was quoted by Michigan Advance as saying he believes he was racially profiled.

"As soon as I saw the squad car pulling up, I said, 'This is about to be some bulls---,'" Bullock told the news site. However, he quickly added that the officers were friendly and polite. Bullock also said their door-to-door interactions in the neighborhood were friendly. "Most of the folks were cool. ... But somebody called the police on the Black boys."

Bell said he's not going to automatically assume that they were racially profiled by whoever called the police.

"It's a high possibility that that happened," he said. "The community we were in was a very wealthy community. Some of them could be protective of their property or their neighbor's property."

Pitchford said there are a lot of misconceptions about how Black men and police officers interact.

"I truly believe that we're in this community together," he said. "I truly think we can stop all the vitriol and just have conversations with people, and that's what it ended up being."

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That's just one provision of the new policy. Other provisions include:

■ The Mural design and location must be approved by the city's planning department;

■ The mural design, size and locations will be viewed by perspective boards and approved by the city council before work begins;

■ Colors must be consistent with the surrounding area;

■ Materials must be durable, graffiti resistant and weather resistant;

■ Any supports must be approved by a professional structural engineer. Work on the site must be supervised and approved by the artist;

■ Themes should be consistent with the surrounding area, due to the city intention that all murals that are allowed become the property of the city and shall be considered government speech;

■ Murals shall not serve as an advertisement;

■ If vandalism or graffiti occurs, it is the responsibility of the artist to remove the graffiti within 48 hours after notification.

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shot Collins when Collins resisted.

Carlton said that after the shooting, items were taken from the home by him and Penar to Kalamazoo, where most of the items were unloaded at a drug house.

Penar, 39, of Mishawaka, Ind., faces charges of open murder, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, four counts of armed robbery and five counts of felony firearms. A pre-trial conference is set for next Monday.

Fitz credited the Dowagiac Police Department, with help from the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office, the Kalamazoo Police Department and other law enforcement agencies for their investigation and apprehension of the two men.

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absentee ballot to request it in person from their clerk instead of by mail, and she defended her recent directive clarifying that openly carrying a gun is not permitted in or within 100 feet of polling places, clerks' offices and absentee counting boards on Election Day.

"We want to ensure that every valid vote counts and is received on time," Benson, a Democrat, told reporters.

As of Tuesday, more than 3 million absentee ballots had been requested in the state and more than half of those had been returned. People can vote absentee for any reason under a 2018 constitutional amendment approved by voters.

Benson has projected a total turnout of 5 million votes, which would be roughly equal to the state record set when Barack Obama first won in 2008. Michigan State University political scientist Corwin Smidt released an analysis Tuesday projecting a turnout of 5.9 million, which would be 1 million more than the nearly 4.9 million votes cast when Donald Trump narrowly carried the state in 2016.

"These predictions are very high – way too high, honestly," Smidt wrote. "But the same model and approach yielded similarly unrealistically high predictions before the November 2018 midterm and before the presidential primary this March, but these respectively turned out to be a slight underestimate and accurate."

Benson said Michigan is on track to see more than two-thirds of ballots cast early, easing officials' efforts to minimize crowds and long lines on Election Day during the coronavirus pandemic. She projected that 2 million people would vote in person on Nov. 3, down from 3.6 million four years ago.

"That's an important thing. You're not seeing that in every state, but it's something we've done successfully in Michigan and that we're on track to see successfully on Election Day," Benson said.

She held a virtual news conference days after issuing the gun guidance, saying the open carrying of firearms can create a threatening environment. She said the state police would enforce the ban in places where local sheriffs or police are unable or unwilling to do so.

The National Rifle Association has criticized her decision and a separate gun-rights group in Michigan has threatened to sue.

hp SPORTS

Making them count

South Haven takes advantage of opportunities in D3 district soccer win

By BEN SPENCER
HP Correspondent

WATERVLIET — South Haven's boys soccer team didn't get a ton of chances to score on Watervliet in Tuesday's Division 3 district semifinals, but made sure to take advantage of the opportunities it did have.

South Haven 3, Watervliet 2

The Rams had just five shots on goal, but netted three in a 3-2 victory over the Panthers.

South Haven (13-2-1) advances to the district finals at Brandywine High School at 5 p.m. Thursday against Dowagiac, an 8-1 winner over Coloma, also on Tuesday evening.

Leading 3-0 with under five minutes to play, it looked as though the Rams were on their way to a shutout victory. Watervliet (11-3), however, scored two quick goals late to get back into it.

The Rams had no shots on goal in the first half, compared to three for the Panthers.

"In the first half, it was just a matter of weathering their storm," South Haven coach Carlos Aguayo said. "(Watervliet) came out with high intensity, and we just had to weather it and break them down in the second half. Sure enough, I think that's exactly what happened. The last 30 minutes of the second half, it was our game. At the end there, honestly it was just brain farts. I wouldn't say it was anything they did fancy, it was just mistakes on us. We can't really afford to do that this time of year, because you'll go home."

Neither team found the net in the first half, but the Rams took an advantage early in the second after Tavyan Swagerty finally got in close to the Watervliet net and beat Panthers goalkeeper Zachary Hastings, who was pulled out of the net on a loose ball just over four minutes into the half.

Eric Gonzalez, scored the Rams' second goal with 10:18 remaining on a free kick from just beyond the 18-yard line. Swagerty's second goal came off an assist from Xavier Rickett with just over five minutes in the game.

Watervliet picked up its first goal shortly after when Brady Bornas broke through the defense and put a low shot past South Haven keeper Eusebio Perez with just 4:24 to play. Just over one minute later, Andrew Chisek added a second goal once a corner kick found its way into the box and was unable to be cleared by Rams defenders.

Watervliet had a few more chances to net a third and force a potential overtime period, but the Panthers fell just short of capping off the comeback.

"They never stopped hustling," Panthers coach Doug Bornas said. "They just believed to the end. We fell short at the end, but they played a hell of a game. We became a team from the beginning of the year to the end, and I couldn't be more proud of this group for doing what they did. We're a small school.

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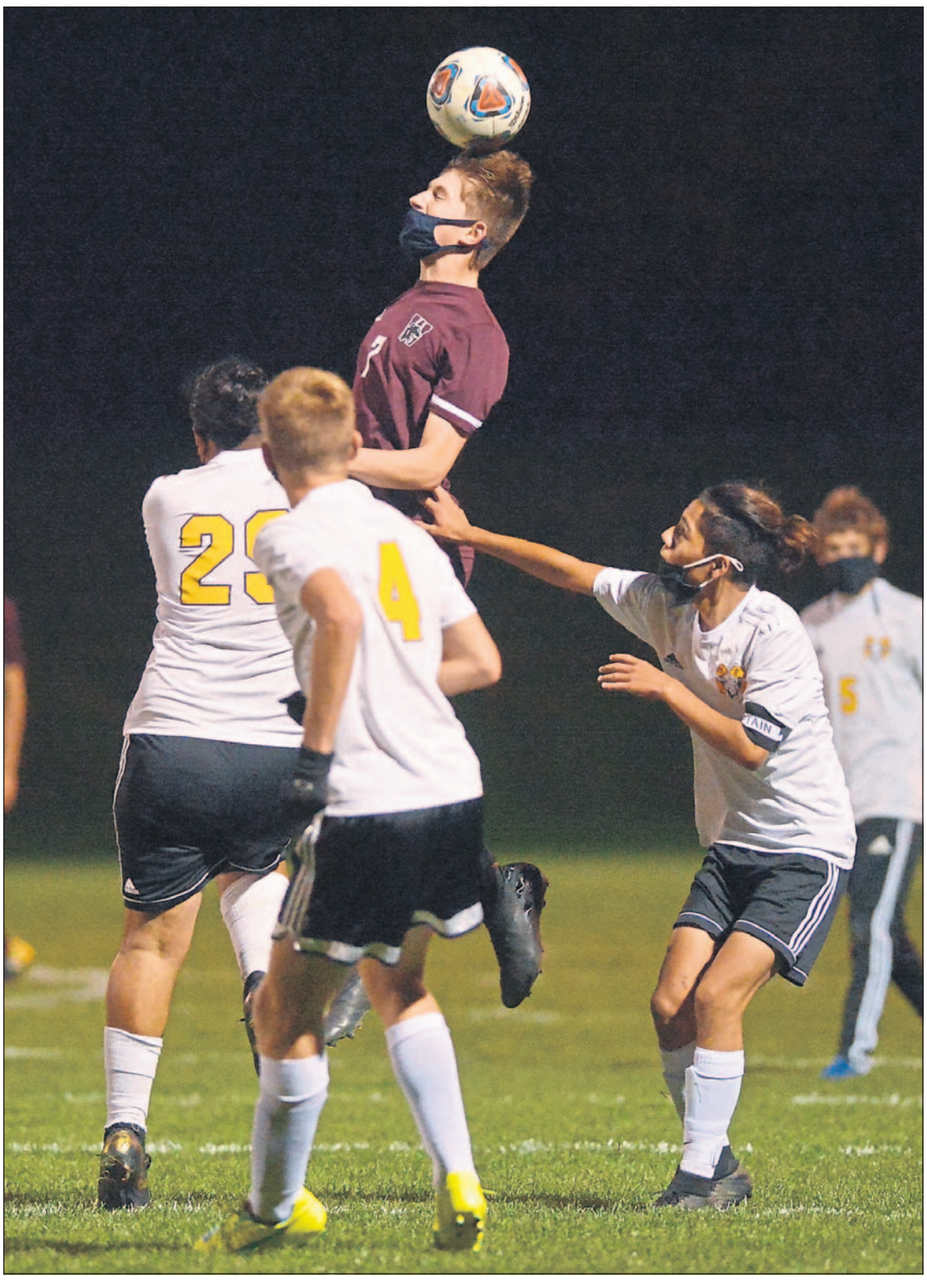

Don Campbell / HP staff

Watervliet's Brady Bornas controls a header against South Haven's Will Whelpley, Max Campbell and Eric Gonzalez during the first half of a district game Tuesday.

Don Campbell / HP staff

South Haven's David Gonzalez defends against Watervliet's Brennan Bornas.

Titans start fast in district soccer semi

Kisukulu's early goal leads Lutheran to victory over Bridgman

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — Bridgman knew that containing Michigan Lutheran's Christian Kisukulu would be key in Tuesday's Division 4 boys soccer district semifinal.

Lutheran 3, Bridgman 0

That proved to be easier said than done. Kisukulu scored two goals, including one in the game's second minute, to lead the Titans to a 3-0 victory.

"We had a plan coming in today to mark (Kisukulu) pretty close," Bridgman coach Nick Foxworthy said. "Two minutes in, he got away from his mark already and put one in for them. We did pretty well for the majority of the game, but he escaped a couple times and made us pay for it."

Michigan Lutheran (5-5-1) advances to host Hartford at noon Saturday. The Indians reached the final with a 1-0 win over New Buffalo on Tuesday.

Kisukulu's first goal came as he broke free on the right side and launched a powerful shot into the top of the net. Bridgman (1-10-2) was able to keep the Titans under control for a long stretch after that, and nearly tied the game late in the first half on a scramble in front of the goal after a free kick.

Lutheran finally extended the lead in the 61st minute, when Alex Ritter scored after his attempted through ball was deflected back to him. Ritter later added an assist with a successful through ball to Kisukulu for the third goal.

"We definitely have a lot of offensive weapons, which is nice to have," Titans coach Paul Jackemeyer said. "Christian is definitely the focus point for most defenses, but Alex gets a lot of opportunities then that he can convert on because of that. Joel (Roth) is usually stringing things all together as our center mid."

Adam Rosenbaum had eight saves for the Titans, including a tough one in the 65th minute to preserve the shutout. Abdul Erby also played a key role in defense, running down Bridgman attackers out wide to stop several promising attacks.

"Abdul Erby played a great game," Jackemeyer said. "He's probably our fastest player on the team, and he's really hard to get by for other teams."

Weston Busick had nine saves for a very young Bridgman team, which will return most of its roster next season.

"We've struggled scoring all year

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MSU's Tucker still mum on QB

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

Nati Harnik / AP

Michigan State quarterback Rocky Lombardi (12) throws a pass in front of Nebraska linebacker Dedrick Young II (5) during a Nov. 17, 2018 game.

Mel Tucker's success in his first season as Michigan State's coach may be determined in large part by who is playing quarterback.

Right now, there's no indication of who that's going to be.

"We won't be announcing a quarterback today," Tucker said Tuesday, four days before the Spartans open the season against Rutgers. "There's been furious competition at so many positions, including quarterback, and so as this week unfolds and a game plan is installed, we'll make a decision, and then we'll go play."

Tucker took over after Mark Dantonio's retirement in February, and he inherited a program rife with uncertainty after some mediocre results over the past four years. The quarterback spot is just one glaring area that must be resolved. Gone is

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AP Interview: MLB's Manfred likes larger playoff, runner in extras

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ahead of a World Series capping the pandemic-shortened season, baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said he hopes to keep two of this year's innovations: expanded playoffs and starting extra innings with runners on second base.

"People were wildly unenthusiastic about the changes. And then when they saw them in action, they were much more positive," Manfred said Tuesday during an interview with The Associated Press.

Manfred said the 30 teams combined for $3 billion in operating losses due the coronavirus pandemic, which caused all 898 regular-season games to be played in empty ballparks without fans.

After opening day was delayed from March 26 to July 23, MLB and the players' association agreed to expand the number of teams in the playoffs from 10 to 16. Even before the pandemic, Manfred advocated a future expansion of the playoffs to 14 teams.

"I like the idea of, and I'm choosing my words carefully here, an expanded playoff format," Manfred said. "I don't think we would do 16 like we did this year. I think we do have to be cognizant of making sure that we preserve the importance of our regular season. But I think something beyond the 10 that we were at would be a good change."

With the added runner rule, the longest of 68 games of 10 innings or longer were a pair of 13-inning contests, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I think the players like it," Manfred said. "I think it's really good from a safety and health perspective that keeps us from putting

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HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

By HP STAFF

BOYS SOCCER

Division 3 district semifinal

DOWAGIAC 8, COLOMA 1

Goals — Coloma: Lucian Whitaker.
Shots – Dowagiac 23, Coloma 7.
Saves – Wes Seabury (C) 8.
Halftime – Dowagiac 6-0.
Records – Coloma 6-8.

GIRLS SWIMMING

BRIDGMAN 108, KAL. CENTRAL 53

200 medley relay — Bridgman (Leah Horvath, Eden Gray, Madylin Keigley, Jalynn Krieger) 2:01.88; 200 freestyle – Audrey Dixon (B) 2:04.21; 200 IM – Madylin Keigley (B) 2:23.79; 50 freestyle – Jalynn Krieger (B) 27.78; diving – Lena MacMartin (B) 178.80; 100 butterfly – Ada Klint (B) 1:08.18; 100 freestyle – Audrey Dixon (B) 54.48; 500 freestyle – Jalynn Krieger (B) 5:55.68; 200 free relay – Bridgman (Leah Horvath, Eden Gray, Lucia Gianni, Audrey Dixon) 1:50.15; 100 backstroke – Sarah Byrd (KC) 1:43.84; 100 breaststroke – Indya Land (KC) 1:19.95; 400 free relay – Kal. Central 6:13.62.

PORTAGE CENTRAL 101, ST. JOSEPH 85

200 medley relay — St. Joseph (Mia Wurster, Sylvia Park, Breanne Pratley, Addie Straub) 1:59.08; 200 freestyle – Sloane Kann (PC) 2:08.68; 200 IM – Caroline Miller (PC) 2:15.31; 50 freestyle – Megan Gibson (PC) 25.96; diving – Esther Bard (SJ) 183.75; 100 butterfly – Caroline Miller (PC) 1:01.09; 100 freestyle – Megan Gibson (PC) 55.91; 500 freestyle – Sloane Kann (PC) 5:39.04; 200 free relay – Portage Central 1:49.25; 100 backstroke – Mia Wurster (SJ) 1:07.28; 100 breaststroke – Sylvia Park (SJ) 1:13.92; 400 free relay – Portage Central 3:59.52.

VOLLEYBALL

Monday's results

DOWAGIAC QUAD

Match scores — Martin d. Dowagiac 25-18, 25-15; Dowagiac d. Parchment 25-15, 25-21; Dowagiac d. Berrien Springs 26-24, 25-27, 17-15
Dowagiac – Riley Stack 42 assists, 5 kills, 8 aces, 23 digs, 2 blocks; Alivia Murray 8 digs; Taylor Wimberly 1 kill; Megan Davis 1 assist, 16 kills, 4 aces, 19 digs; Emma Allen 1 assist, 6 kills, 6 digs, 2 blocks; Allie Conner 1 assist, 10 kills, 7 aces, 37 digs; Anna Dobberstein 1 ace, 29 digs; Halie Saylor 4 aces, 5 digs; Abbey Dobberstein 1 assist, 10 kills, 3 aces, 8 digs, 2 blocks; Alanah Smith 3 kills, 5 blocks.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Portage Northern	4-0	4-1	129	57
BC Lakeview	4-1	4-1	105	43
Lakeshore	4-1	4-1	120	54
St. Joseph	3-1	4-1	154	79
Kal. Central	2-3	2-3	107	133
Mattawan	1-3	1-4	40	131
Portage Central	1-3	1-4	40	54
BC Central	1-4	1-4	90	157
Gull Lake	0-4	0-5	63	185

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Paw Paw	4-0	4-1	210	71
Edwardsburg	3-0	5-0	235	37
Plainwell	2-1	3-1	127	35
Vicksburg	3-2	3-2	151	115
Dowagiac	2-3	2-3	50	119
Otsego	2-3	2-3	99	113
Sturgis	2-3	2-3	68	123
Allegan	0-3	1-4	82	177
Three Rivers	0-3	0-5	42	225

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Buchanan	4-0	5-0	151	35
South Haven	3-2	3-2	104	90
Brandywine	1-1	3-2	179	139
Berrien Springs	2-3	2-3	104	100
Comstock	1-2	2-3	98	117
Niles	0-3	1-4	48	123

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Bridgman	4-1	4-1	217	89
Martin	3-1	4-1	183	56
Lawrence	2-1	3-1	140	48
New Buffalo	3-2	3-2	204	120
Marcellus	2-1	2-2	164	126
Wyoming Tri-unity	2-3	2-3	187	122
Michigan Lutheran	1-3	1-4	52	306
Eau Claire	1-4	1-4	56	246
Bangor	0-3	0-3	45	154

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall	PF	PA
Constantine	4-0	4-1	140	104
Coloma	3-1	4-1	158	132
Kal. United	3-1	4-1	192	88
Watervliet	1-3	2-3	142	153
Parchment	1-3	1-4	58	123
Fennville	0-4	0-5	54	156

Valley Division

	Div	Overall	PF	PA
Schoolcraft	2-0	4-1	217	78
Lawton	2-1	4-1	184	84
Delton Kellogg	2-1	3-2	115	79
Saugatuck	1-2	3-2	103	53
Galesburg-Augusta	0-3	0-4	12	184

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Centreville	5-0	5-0	176	15
Mendon	4-1	4-1	106	88
White Pigeon	2-2	2-2	96	46
Cassopolis	2-3	2-3	75	70
Decatur	1-3	1-3	47	132
Hartford	0-5	0-5	40	189

INDEPENDENT

	Overall	PF	PA
Benton Harbor	2-3	101	154

Michigan Prep Football Poll

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. Belleville (5)	(5-0)	50
2. Davison	(5-0)	41
(tie) Detroit Cass Tech	(5-0)	41
4. Clarkston	(5-0)	37
5. Detroit Catholic Central	(5-0)	24
6. Grandville	(5-0)	21
7. West Bloomfield	(4-1)	20
8. Saline	(5-0)	14
9. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek	(5-0)	8
10. Canton	(5-0)	5

Others receiving votes: Rockford 4. Hudsonville 4. Sterling Heights Stevenson 4. Traverse City West 1. Macomb Dakota 1.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Muskegon Mona Shores (5)	(5-0)	50
2. East Lansing	(5-0)	45
3. Midland	(5-0)	40
4. Fenton	(5-0)	30
(tie) Byron Center	(5-0)	30
6. Traverse City Central	(5-0)	21
7. Port Huron	(5-0)	18
8. Livonia Churchill	(4-1)	12
9. Jenison	(4-1)	11
10. Grosse Pointe South	(3-2)	4

Others receiving votes: Midland Dow 3. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 3. Walled Lake Western 3. Portage Northern 2. 14, Birmingham Seaholm 2. Wyandotte Roosevelt 1.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. DeWitt (2)	(5-0)	47
(tie) Muskegon (3)	(4-1)	47
3. Chelsea	(5-0)	36
4. River Rouge	(3-1)	34
5. Mason	(5-0)	24
(tie) Zeeland West	(4-1)	24
7. Birmingham Bro. Rice	(4-1)	23
8. Detroit King	(3-2)	15
(tie) Riverview	(5-0)	15
10. Stevensville Lakeshore	(4-1)	9

Others receiving votes: Mount Pleasant 1.

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Detroit Country Day (3)	(3-1)	46
1. GR South Christian (1)	(5-0)	46
3. Edwardsburg (1)	(5-0)	43
4. Ortonville Brandon	(5-0)	34
5. Hudsonville Unity Chr.	(5-0)	31
6. Williamston	(7-0)	21
7. North Branch	(5-0)	16
8. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	(4-1)	14
9. Whitehall	(4-1)	8
(tie) Paw Paw	(4-1)	8

Others receiving votes: Goodrich 4. Milan 3. Madison Heights Lamphere 1.

Division 5

School	Total	Points
1. GR Catholic Central (3)	(5-0)	38
2. Frankenmuth (1)	(5-0)	35
3. Kingsley	(5-0)	33
4. Marine City	(5-0)	28
5. Portland	(5-0)	24
6. Hopkins	(5-0)	22
7. Reed City	(5-0)	16
8. GR West Catholic	(4-1)	5
(tie) Muskegon Oakridge	(4-1)	5
10. Olivet	(4-1)	4

Others receiving votes: Freeland 3. Belding 3. Essexville Garber 2. Romulus Summit Academy 2.

Division 6

School	Total	Points
1. Montague (4)	(5-0)	40
2. Muskegon Catholic Central	(5-0)	36
3. Blissfield	(5-0)	32
4. Clare	(5-0)	22
(tie) Warren Michigan Collegiate	(5-0)	22
6. Buchanan	(5-0)	18
7. Erie-Mason	(5-0)	15
8. Clinton	(4-1)	14
9. Millington	(4-1)	11
10. Constantine	(4-1)	8

Others receiving votes: Kent City 1. Sanford-Meridian 1.

Division 7

School	Total	Points
1. Pewamo-Westphalia (4)	(5-0)	40
2. Ithaca	(5-0)	34
3. New Lothrop	(5-0)	33
4. Hemlock	(5-0)	25
5. Schoolcraft	(4-1)	23
6. McBain	(4-0)	16
7. Detroit Loyola	(5-0)	15
8. Charlevoix	(5-0)	12
9. Oscoda	(5-0)	9
10. Grass Lake	(4-1)	7

Others receiving votes: Riverview Gabriel Richard 4. Cass City 1. Madison Heights Bishop Foley 1.

Division 8

School	Total	Points
1. Reading (2)	(4-1)	35
2. Centreville (2)	(5-0)	31
3. Addison	(5-0)	27
(tie) Sand Creek	(4-1)	27
5. Clarkston Everest Catholic	(5-0)	26
6. Fowler	(4-1)	24
7. Johannesburg-Lewiston	(5-0)	19
8. West Iron County	(5-0)	11
9. Flint Beecher	(4-1)	5
(tie) Beal City	(4-1)	5

Others receiving votes: Iron Mountain 3. Mendon 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 2. Breckenridge 2.

Division 8 Player

School	Total	Points
1. Powers North Central (4)	(5-0)	66
2. Adrian Lenawee Christian (2)	(5-0)	62
3. Pickford (1)	(4-1)	49
4. Portland St Patrick	(5-0)	48
5. Suttons Bay	(5-0)	45
6. Morrice	(5-0)	40
7. Merrill	(4-1)	19
8. Pellston	(5-0)	14
9. Colon	(4-1)	10
10. Indian River-Inland Lakes	(5-0)	9

Others receiving votes: Mayville 7. Lake Linden-Hubbell 5. Cedarville 4. Burr Oak 3. Gaylord St. Mary 2. Martin 1. Onaway 1.

BOWLING

STRIKER'S BOWL

BERRIEN GUTTER GALS (10/13) – Gladys Hunter 512, Gloria Hess 460, Debbie Durren 452, Vicky Harder 441, Novella Klutts 440, Kim Keith 440. Team: Durren 1329 (474).
BERRIEN GUTTER GALS (10/6) – Diana Nash 484, Connie Haase 473 (231), Vicky Harder 461, Debbie Durren 451. Team: Durren 1318, Keith (486).
STARLIGHTERS – Men: Jeremy Gitchell 644 (229), Tom Wise 560 (210), Ron Fredricks 516. Women: Gina Gitchell 490, Suzy Guzicki 478.
WED. 6:30 PM MIXED – Matt Hendrixson 747 (268), Mark Pullins 722 (279), Amber Fleisher 599 (242), Michele Briney 498. Team: M.B.G.A. 2296, Pocket Pounders (805).
SUNDAY NIGHT MIX – Men: Justin Wade 702 (268), Adam Litaker 655, Doug Workinger 638, Corey Fister 564, Willie Dumas Jr. 556. Women: Mary Workinger 447, Kathy Litaker 429.
FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Dan Zimmerman 694 (244), Joshua Swetay 606 (256), Chris Bradfield 604 (202), Alanna Swetay 620 (223).
THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES – Gladys Hunter 611 (221), Starla Swetay 527, Alanna Swetay 509 (223), Linda Dockham 488, Diana Nash 476. Team: Head/Hunter 1074 (410)
WILDLIFE SENIORS – Men: Bob Conrad 627 (245), Gene Straitiff 625, Randy Newboles 625 (257), Pete Morgan 613, Andy Stansberry Sr. 602, Paul Koth 581, Marc Rankin 580, Tom Rawls 574. Women: Jodi Smith 544, Connie Koth 520.
LAKESHORE LASSIES – Nicki Brose 689 (244), Tricia Morris 659 (225), Karyn Fricke 589 (248), Robin Thompson 540 (204), Gina Gitchell 508.
MOONSHINERS – Melissa Utter 587, Amy Rochefort 571 (201), Sonya Jackson 530, Pam Head 506 (202), Sue Pries 503. Team: Bad Girls 1505 (544).

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156	168
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	3	0	.400	109	110
N.Y. Jets	0	6	0	.000	75	185

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164	126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146	182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125	181

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156	94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163	187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129	157

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175	127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151	152
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110	125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173	218
Phila.	1	4	1	.250	141	175
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.166	101	152
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108	162

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153	150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	138	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162	184

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133	143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166	112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152	114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	148	130

Monday's Games

Kansas City 26, Buffalo 17
Arizona 38, Dallas 10

Thursday's Game

N.Y. Giants at Phila., 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26

Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

MLB

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
at Arlington, Texas (All Games on Fox)
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay

Tuesday, Oct. 20: Tampa Bay (Glasnow 5-1) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2)
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Tampa Bay (Snell 4-2) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:08 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 23: Los Angeles Dodgers (Buehler 1-0) vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 25: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 27: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:08 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:09 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Clemson	4	0	193	60	5	0	242	60
Notre Dame	3	0	81	46	4	0	133	46
NC State	4	1	168	157	4	1	168	157
Miami	3	1	147	105	4	1	178	119
North Carolina	3	1	141	104	3	1	141	104
Virginia Tech	3	1	168	125	3	1	168	125
Boston College	2	2	93	102	3	2	117	123
Georgia Tech	2	2	89	150	2	3	110	199
Pittsburgh	2	3	122	122	3	3	177	122
Wake Forest	1	2	95	105	2	2	161	119
Florida St.	1	3	80	138	2	3	121	162
Virginia	1	3	105	139	1	3	105	139
Syracuse	1	3	77	110	1	4	98	148
Duke	1	5	128	184	1	5	128	184
Louisville	0	4	88	128	1	4	123	149

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South Haven's Xavier Rickett heads the ball past Watervliet's Jonathan Casiano during the first half of a district game Tuesday night.

RAMS

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We don't have the biggest numbers, but they play with heart and as a coach you have to love that."

Perez had four saves for the Rams while Hastings grabbed two saves for Watervliet. The Panthers also had five corner attempts compared to just one for South Haven.

Watervliet, a team in just its second season as a program, took a step forward after a 7-7-2 finish last fall. The Panthers improved to 11-3 this year and also got the program's first-ever postseason victory with a win over Buchanan last week, and gave the No. 1-seeded Rams a tough game. Watervliet graduates just four seniors.

"We have a big group coming back. We have a large junior group, so next year we hope to have the strongest program we've had," Bornas said. "We'll miss a couple seniors, but we are going to be ready to battle again."

SOUTH HAVEN 3, WATERVLIET 2

Goals – Tavyan Swagerty 2 (SH), Eric Gonzalez (SH), Brady Bornas (W), Andrew Chisek (W).
Assists – Xavier Rickett (SH).
Shots – Watervliet 7, South Haven 5.
Saves – Eusebio Perez (SH) 4, Zachary Hastings (W) 2.
Halftime – Tied 0-0.
Records – South Haven 13-2-1, Watervliet 11-3

TITANS

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long, unfortunately," Foxworthy said. "But we do create some good chances, today they didn't go in. But we lost to the better team today. They play very well as a team together, they talk, they communicate, and those are things we're still learning."

Lutheran has a tough assignment in the final against Hartford (13-2), which won their regular-season meeting 7-2. The one advantage is the Titans may have is experience, with 13 seniors on their 21-player roster.

"They've played these type of games for four years now," Jackemeyer said. "They're used to the pressure, and hopefully that will come in handy on Saturday."

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 3, BRIDGMAN 0

Goals — Christian Kisukulu 2, Alex Ritter.
Assists – Ritter.
Shots on goal – Lutheran 12, Bridgman 8.
Saves – Weston Busick (B) 9, Adam Rosenbaum (ML) 8.
Halftime – Lutheran 1-0.
Records – Lutheran 5-5-1, Bridgman 1-10-2.

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MANFRED

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players in situations where they're out there too long or in positions they're not used to playing."

Union head Tony Clark said it was too soon to commit to changes for 2021. The sport's labor contract runs through 2021, and the union's agreement is needed to alter the 2021 structure.

"We made a number of one-year changes this season under unique circumstances," Clark wrote in an email to the AP. "We are gathering feedback from players and we'll bring that to the league at the appropriate time. Obviously, protecting health and safety will remain among several important considerations as those talks unfold."

Manfred is concerned about whether fans will be allowed to attend games next season.

"We understand what happens with fans is going to be a product of what happens with the virus, what decisions public health authorities make in terms of mass gatherings," he said. "It is a huge issue for us in terms of the economics of the game. The losses that I referred to earlier were basically in stone when we started the season because we knew about 40 percent of our revenue is gate-related and we knew we weren't going to have it."

"The clubs have done a really good job locally and we tried to do a good job centrally," he added. "The liquidity is sufficient to get us through 2020. I think if we're faced with limited activity next year and the kind of losses that we suffered this year, again, it will become more of a problem."

Manfred was pleased with the rule he pushed for forcing pitchers to face a minimum of three batters or to finish the half inning.

"There's nothing about what happened this year that has changed, not only in my mind, but anybody in the game's mind about it, and I think that's here to stay," he said.

He would not say whether he favors keeping the expansion of the designated hitter to the National League, citing the need to bargain on the topic with the players' union. The expansion of active rosters from 26 to 28 players was specific to the stop of spring training in March and resumption in the summer.

Manfred also did not draw conclusions about the average time of a nine-inning game, which increased to a record 3 hours, 7 minutes, 46 seconds, up from 3:05:35 last year. The cause likely was tied to expanded rosters and increased pitching changes.

He also thought it was difficult to analyze whether the drop in the major league batting average to .245, its lowest since 1968, was cyclical or an anomaly,

"What people are telling me about kind of every measure for this year in terms of statistics is that 60 (games) is just not a great sample size and you shouldn't really put too much weight on it," he said.

Management and the union battled publicly through the spring, with players demanding prorated pay for the shortened season that had been agreed to in March as part of a deal that included salary advances. They dared Manfred to unilaterally issue the regular-season schedule, which he did, then bargained and reached agreements on expanded playoffs and a bubble for the last three rounds of the postseason.

"We got a lot of important things done this year with the union," Manfred said. "We had the problems early, Tony was active not only in helping to strengthen protocols, but in encouraging players to adhere to the protocols. And the negotiation over the bubble was not an easy thing. It involved further changes for players, dislocations for players."

While 45 regular-season games were postponed for COVID-19-related reasons, many involving the Miami Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals, just two were not made up. Teams refused the union's requests to play a longer regular season that would go deeper into the autumn.

"We did not want to extend the season beyond Oct. 27. Just think about it, put it in some perspective, if we were still playing in the regular season, just 15 games a day in different cities, given where the virus is right now, it would be a really, really difficult situation, and then still having to get through the playoffs in November. Given what everybody's saying about the virus, the trends we're seeing, it was crucial that we stick to that Oct. 27."

TUCKER

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Brian Lewerke, who started 38 games and became the school's career leader in total offense.

Rocky Lombardi and Theo Day return after playing a bit last season. Redshirt freshman Payton Thorne is also an option, and Tucker mentioned freshman Noah Kim as well when assessing the position.

Tucker also said he probably wouldn't release a depth chart early this week, and he didn't offer much detail when asked if the team might play more than one quarterback to start the season.

"We're going to play who gives us the best chance to win. We'll just have to see how this week unfolds," he said. "Obviously, the guys that we have are very capable, so we're very fortunate to have multiple quarterbacks that we feel like can get the job done."

Lombardi made three starts at quarterback in 2018 as a redshirt freshman, and he threw for 173 yards and a touchdown in a win over Rutgers that year. He attempted only 21 passes last season, however.

Day redshirted in 2018 and attempted just three passes in limited duty last year. Thorne is coming off a redshirt last year, and Kim is a true freshman from Virginia.

"Those guys, that's a really good group of guys, and Noah Kim has done a nice job for us. He's got a lot of talent," Tucker said. "Jay Johnson is a veteran offensive coordinator, a veteran play caller, a veteran quarterbacks coach – played the position himself. For Rocky, Peyton, Theo and Noah, those guys, the most important thing was really to connect with Jay and understand his process, understand how he sees that position being played, and then learning the scheme."

Chemistry between the quarterback and the rest of the offense is also important.

"That's definitely been a good process," center Matt Allen said. "I would say the biggest thing that we just need to do is really just be on the same page, because when everybody's on the same page, then everybody can go in the right direction and just do their job."

Tucker's resume has a defensive focus, and when he coached Colorado last season, he had a returning senior at quarterback in Steven Montez. He doesn't have that luxury now, and navigating the quarterback situation is a big early test for the new coach.

"I believe that your quarterback has to be your No. 1 competitor on your team – college or pro," Tucker said. "We have the competitive nature and the mental disposition in that room to be able to get the job done."

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING OCT. 21

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs ((SP)) (N)		The Conners	black-ish	The Con "The Heiress Con" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N) CC		The Amazing Race (N) CC		S.W.A.T. "Stigma" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Jeremie and Nikki" (N) CC		American Ninja Warrior "Semifinals 2" Jessie Graff, Najee Richardson and more. (N)			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Series Pregame	2020 World Series Game 2: Teams TBA. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	Great Lakes	Nature Observing pandas in the wild.		NOVA "Touching the Asteroid" (N)		The Age of Nature "Understanding" (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Devils "Episode 3" (N)		Coroner The death of a lab assistant. (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "Stone-Cold" CC		Dateline "11 Minutes" CC		Dateline "She Didn't Come Home" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Devils "Episode 3" (N)		Coroner The death of a lab assistant. (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "The Penny Drops"		Highway to Heaven "Fight for Your Life"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Apollo 13	★★ The Magnificent Seven ('16, Western) Denzel Washington. Mercenaries battle a ruthless industrialist in the Old West. CC					
AMC	Friday the 13th ('80)	★ Friday the 13th, Part 2 ('81, Horror) Amy Steel, John Furey. CC				★★ The Amityville Horror ('05)	
Animal	Lone Star	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Wo. Law	
BET	Browns	Payne	As. Living	Tyler Perry's Sistas		Games People Play	
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	Below Deck	Housewives/OC		The Real Housewives of Orange County "Tequila Truth Serum"			Housewives/OC
Cartoon	Victor	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	John Wick 3	★ The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning ('06)			★★ Sanctum ('11, Action) Richard Roxburgh. CC		
CMT	TBA	2020 CMT Music Awards (N) CC				Music Awards	
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition Un.	Back to the DeLorean: Time Machine		Expedition X CC		:01 Expedition X CC	
Disney	Raven	Toy Story	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Big City	Big City	Big City
DIY	Restored	Restored CC		Restored (N) CC		Barnwood Builders	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians	
ESPN	Baseball	The Undefeated		30 for 30 (Part 2 of 2)			
ESPN2	The Jump	UFC 229: Khabib vs. McGregor From Oct. 6, 2018 in Las Vegas.					
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Spartans	NFL Football Detroit Lions at Jacksonville Jaguars.					Inside
Freefrm	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
FX	Maze Runner	★★ The First Purge ('18, Action) Y'lan Noel, Lex Scott Davis. CC				★★ The Purge: Election Year	
Golf	PGA	Tiger Woods - Chasing History CC				GOLF Films CC	
Hallmark	Under Autumn	A Country Wedding ('15, Romance) Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:10 ★ Replicas ('18) Keanu Reeves, Alice Eve. CC			537 Votes The 2000 U.S. presidential election. (N) CC			David Byrne
History	Cnt. Cars	Counting Cars		Counting Cars (N)		:03 Counting Cars	
HGTV	Bones	Brother vs. Brother		Brother vs. Brother		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	1000-Lb.	1000-Lb. Sisters		1000-Lb. Sisters		1000-Lb. Sisters	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "Pack Your Bags!" Couples meet with friends and family. (N)				:03 Married at First Sight CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	2020 CMT Music Awards (N) (L) CC				Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Victory	NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Kansas Lottery 300. (Taped)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Casagran	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad:	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Manson: The Women The women who followed Charles Manson. CC				Snapped A decadelong hunt. CC	
Parmt	Two Men	2020 CMT Music Awards (N) CC					Few
Showtime	6:15 ★★ Armageddon ('98) Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler. CC			The Comey Rule Beginnings of the Russia investigation. CC			Comey Rule
Starz	:03 ★★★ The American President ('95) Michael Douglas.			★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Action) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone. CC			
STZENC	6:39 ★★ For Love of the Game ('99) Kevin Costner. CC			★★★ Looper ('12, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ★★★ Back to the Future		★★★ Back to the Future Part II ('89, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. CC				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Dr. Kildare	★★ Hard to Handle ('33) James Cagney, Mary Brian. CC			★★★ The Beast of the City ('32) Walter Huston. CC		
TMC	Semper Fi ('19)	★★ Road House ('89, Action) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott. CC				★ Snake Eyes ('98) Nicolas Cage.	
TNT	Edge	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Misery	Misery
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) CC				Paranormal:	
TV Land	Andy G.	2020 CMT Music Awards (N) (L) CC					King
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween	
VH1	Love Don't		★★★ Love & Basketball ('00) Sanaa Lathan.				
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Treatment has changed since his last broken rib

DEAR DOCTORS: My husband slipped while out on his boat and cracked two ribs. He had a broken rib as a teenager (varsity football) and remembers having his chest wrapped, but that's not happening this time. Why not? He's in a lot of pain and it seems like wrapping could help.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Although your husband is facing pain and discomfort as a result of the fall he took, those two cracked ribs are proof that the structures of his chest did their intended jobs and helped him escape a graver injury. We're specifically talking about the rib cage, which is an ingenious bit of architecture. It's light, airy and flexible, supports the upper body and allows for a wide range of motion. This includes the ability to take in and expel deep breaths. At the same time, the rib cage is highly effective at protecting important and vulnerable organs and anatomical structures, including the heart and the lungs.

Rib injuries typically fall into three categories: bruised, cracked and broken. They can also include damage to the muscles and cartilage, which are the soft tissues holding the whole structure together. Injuries to the ribs typically occur due to some type of blunt force to the chest, such as a car accident, a fall, being struck by an object or from a physical assault. It's less common, but possible, to injure your ribs while coughing. Ribs are most likely to break at their weakest point, which is the outer curve. Severe injuries can lead to a punctured lung, ruptured aorta or lacerations to the spleen, liver or kidneys – each of which can be life-threatening.

As your husband has let you know, rib injuries can be extremely painful. In fact, pain at the injury site is the most common symptom. Additional symptoms include pain when flexing the rib cage, either by breathing or moving; muscle spasms; difficulty breathing; audible crunching sounds that arise from the injury site; and a visible change to the appearance of the chest. A rib injury diagnosis often begins with the patient detailing the incident that led to the symptoms. This is followed by a physical examination, and sometimes by a chest X-ray. Unlike the bones of the legs and arms, the anatomical structure of the ribs means it's not possible to immobilize them with a cast as they heal.

At one time, it was common to wrap the chest in an attempt to immobilize the damaged bones. However, this limits the person's ability to breathe deeply and freely, which can increase the risk of developing pneumonia. Instead, treatment is now focused on pain relief, reducing inflammation and rest. This includes the use of ice packs and pain meds (both prescription and over-the-counter), and the avoidance of activities that may stress the injured area.

Depending on the extent of the injury, it can take from six weeks to several months for rib damage to heal. For many patients, once the initial pain is under control, limiting activities to prevent re-injury often proves to be the toughest part of the treatment.

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Husband's 'nastygram' upsets wife's happy hours

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband and I own a condo in a 22-unit building. A homeowners' association board member posted signs about the building rules during the pandemic. The rules were typical for these trying times, but the number of signs was obsessive.

Many building residents did not like the signs, but my husband was the one who wrote a nasty letter to the association about the number posted.

Carolyn Hax

The board member responsible is a friend of mine. Her feelings are hurt and she has said some snide remarks about the letter.

She and I were both part of a group of women who meet weekly for happy hour. I feel caught in the middle. My husband has had a hard time getting over being mad about the signs, and I know the board member is angry at him.

I just want to go to happy hour and drink and gossip. Why can't we all just get along? – L.

DEAR L.: Maybe ... because your hothead husband fired off a nastygram when he could (easily!) have made his exact point (about sign quantity!?) in a measured, cooperative and sympathetic way?

Such as: "Thank you for posting the new rules. It helps to have clear expectations. The sheer number of signs, however, seems excessive at an already anxious time. Would the association be willing to take redundant ones down? I would gladly help out. I appreciate your consideration. Sincerely, Not a Complete Self-Righteous Volcano Person"

The middle is a tough place to be, yes. But it can also be a helpful reminder that sometimes we must stand on principle, even if it draws fire (or, egad, awkwardness).

If your husband hasn't figured out yet that going "nasty" was infantile, impulsive and needlessly hostile, then you need to point it out for him in a gentle, loving, don't-even-bother-yelling-because-I'm-not-budging kind of way.

You can even say that you agree with him on principle, if you feel the need, but that his methods were unbefitting a member of a community and unfair to people just trying to do their jobs – the "many" annoyed residents notwithstanding.

Seriously, "Everyone agrees!" is no excuse. Say he owes your friend an apology for losing his composure.

Your friend also chose a childish platform for her anger, because "snide remarks about the letter" are a weak response where a strong one would have involved almost zero extra lifting (and when does that ever happen?). She could have said to you directly, for example: "What's up with your husband? He sent the nastiest letter to the board."

Assuming you're mature enough yourself to have taken this as a bridge vs. a lit match, the two of you could have exchanged information and moved past the issue in all of five minutes, leaving 92 percent of your hour for happy.

But your husband is further out of line and closer to your responsibility, so he's the one you address.

Obviously pandemic living has people stressed, under-rested, vigilance-weary, on edge and *angry*. These are ripe conditions for the kind of adult tantrums your husband just had and your friend is barely resisting. (Over, again, sign *quantity*.) Don't stint on spelling that out. It's compassionate and it's right.

Then propose an antidote: "We're all ready for straitjackets. Let's be kind to each other instead."

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Over there
7 Sporty sock
13 Beethoven's Third Symphony
14 Soap opera
15 Very or too
16 Frontier saloon amenities
17 Popcorn buy
18 Hotel
19 Prompt
22 Ltd. cousin
24 Germ killer
28 First name in advice
29 Elevator name
30 Luncheonette list
31 Air-pump meas.
32 Wear and tear
33 Florida port
34 Seattle's Sound
36 Tin container
38 Galley slave's tool
39 Funny Bombeck
40 Small religious group
41 Disposed of
42 Cherished
43 Devotee
44 TV spots
45 Cut timber
47 Untrained
50 Bad-mouth
53 Part of a pencil
57 Addison's partner
58 Drive-in feature
59 — up (got ready)
60 Clips the wool of sheep

DOWN
1 Certain vote
2 Airport code for O'Hare
3 Autumn mo.
4 Restrict one's intake
5 Beige
6 Hare cousins
7 Tomato jellies
8 Horse stopper
9 Mom's mom
10 Female principle
11 Thai neighbor
12 Golfer Ernie —
19 Imposed limits on
20 Wavering
21 Riddle
23 Brother's girls
25 Shark tagalong
26 Like some debts
27 Sentinels
29 Absent
33 Bomb ingredient
35 Before now
37 Movie star
40 Endorsed a check
46 Eye amorously
48 Curved entrance
49 Item for sale
50 Chow mein additive
51 Goddess of fateful recklessness
52 Pasture
54 Vast expanse
55 Always, to Poe
56 ER personnel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	A	G	■	F	A	T	S	■	D	Y	E	■
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B	U	G	■	S	A	G	E	■	K	N	I	T
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A	V	O	W	■	J	A	I	■	■	O	F	A
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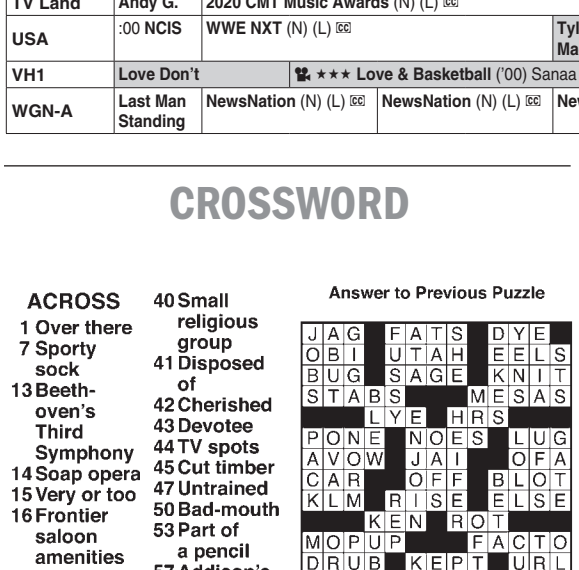

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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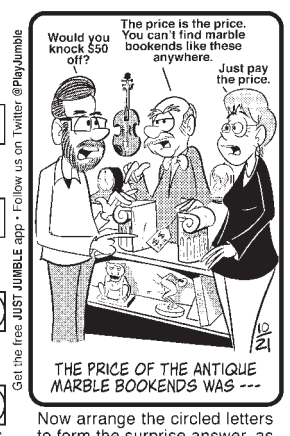
BOREX

NNEEIG

SENSAO


Would you knock $50 off?
The price is the price. You can't find marble bookends like these anywhere.
Just pay the price.
THE PRICE OF THE ANTIQUE MARBLE BOOKENDS WAS ---
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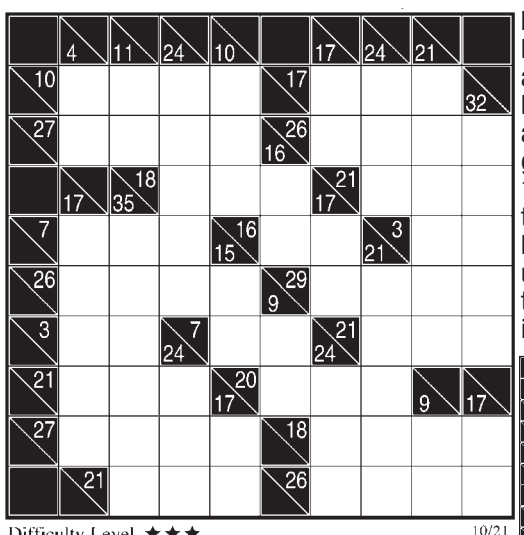
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

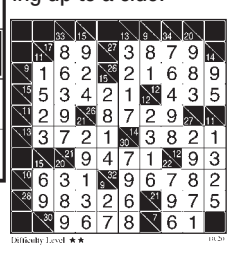
Yesterday's Jumbles: LUCKY ROUND VIOLET THRIVE
Answer: When the racehorse got off to such a great start right out of the gate, it — LED TO VICTORY

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/21

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Rita Dove, a poet and essayist, wrote, "Without imagination we can go nowhere. And imagination is not restricted to the arts. Every scientist I have met who has been a success has had to imagine."

Every successful bridge player has to picture in his mind's eye where the missing key cards are situated – science. But sometimes a player has to play contrary to the textbook – art.

Which is it in today's deal? South is in four hearts. West leads the club queen. East wins with his ace and promptly shifts to the diamond six. How should declarer continue?

The declarer was Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island. He was sure that East's diamond was a singleton. So, perforce, he won trick two with his ace. But now he seemed to have four unavoidable losers: one in each suit. His only chance was to draw trumps without losing a trick.

South led a low heart to dummy's king, collecting West's jack. What next?

Yesterday, declarer successfully followed the Principle of Restricted Choice. If West had had the queen-jack-doubleton, he might have played the queen instead of the jack. But if he had only the jack, he had no choice. Assume he had a singleton.

Here, though, Conrad realized that if East had started with four trumps, the contract was unmakeable. Yes, he could draw trumps, but when he drove out the spade ace or diamond king, the defenders would dislodge the club king, then cash clubs when in with their other winner.

Conrad played a heart back to his ace and claimed when the queen dropped. Artistic!

North 10-21-20
♠ Q J 9
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ J 10 9 7 2
♣ 8

West
♠ A 6 5 3 2
♥ Q J
♦ K 8 4
♣ Q J 7

East
♠ 8 7 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 6
♣ A 10 9 6 3 2

South
♠ K 10
♥ A 9 5 4
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K 5 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

	5			7	9			
	7		4	8			5	
8			3	2		9		
1			5		3			7
6								9
3			9		8			6
		6		5	1			2
	1			9	2		8	
			7	3			9	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	8	3	1	5	2	6	9	7
5	1	9	3	6	7	8	2	4
7	6	2	4	8	9	3	1	5
3	9	5	7	1	4	2	8	6
6	2	7	8	3	5	9	4	1
1	4	8	2	9	6	5	7	3
8	5	1	9	4	3	7	6	2
9	7	6	5	2	1	4	3	8
2	3	4	6	7	8	1	5	9

BEETLE BAILEY

I WORRY ABOUT TALKING TO PEOPLE ONLINE
WHY?
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PEOPLE AREN'T HONEST ABOUT WHO THEY ARE
WHY IS A PUPPY YOUR PROFILE PICTURE?
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GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER CARPOOL POLITICAL FEUD!
ONE OF THEM IS PROBABLY BEING OBSTINATE
WHADDAVA MEAN?
SOMEBODY IS JUST VOTING FOR THE WRONG CANDIDATE
STOP IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
YEAH, COOL IT!!
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LOOK! ANOTHER POLITICAL FEUD
THE WORLD HAS GONE MAD!
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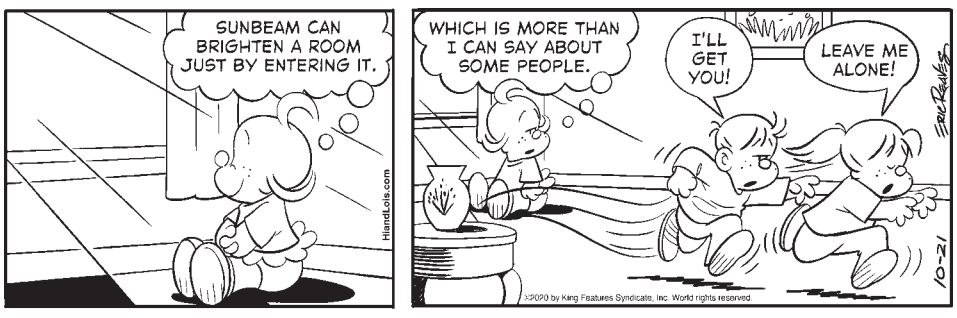
SUNBEAM CAN BRIGHTEN A ROOM JUST BY ENTERING IT.
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WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY ABOUT SOME PEOPLE.
I'LL GET YOU!
LEAVE ME ALONE!
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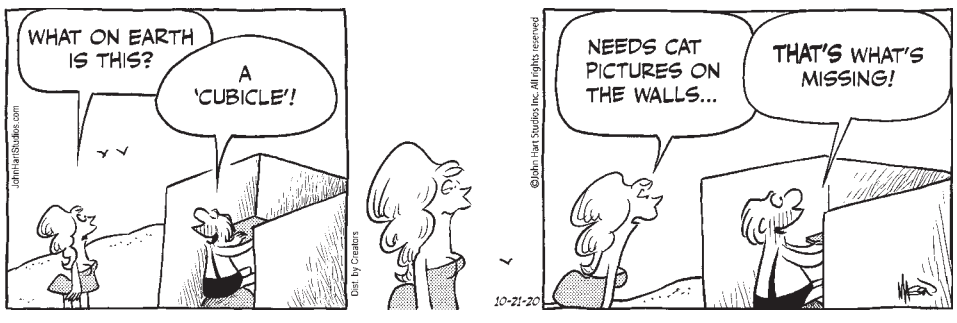

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

I'M GETTING ADDICTED TO HAND SANITIZER.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
IT STARTED WITH MY HANDS, BUT OVER TIME, I EXTENDED IT UP MY FOREARMS, THEN BEHIND MY EARS, AND IT JUST KEPT GOING.
WANT A SQUIRT?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT THING HAS BEEN.
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GARFIELD

THIS IS MY SAD DOGGY FACE
YOU LOOK RIDICULOUS
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AWW, POOR BABY. HAVE A TREAT
YOU LOOK RIDICULOUS
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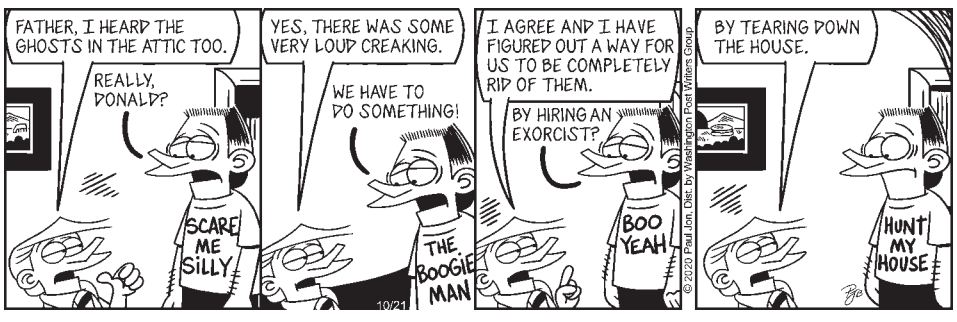
JIM DAVIS 10-21

FORT KNOX


FATHER, I HEARD THE GHOSTS IN THE ATTIC TOO.
REALLY, DONALD?
SCARE ME SILLY
YES, THERE WAS SOME VERY LOUD CREAKING.
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
THE BOOGIE MAN
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I AGREE AND I HAVE FIGURED OUT A WAY FOR US TO BE COMPLETELY RID OF THEM.
BY HIRING AN EXORCIST?
BOO YEAH
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BY TEARING DOWN THE HOUSE.
HUNT MY HOUSE

PICKLES

I'M A WANNABE COWBOY, I DON'T RIDE A HORSE.
MY MOUNT IS THIS WORN OUT RE-CLINER, OF COURSE.
IT'S EASY TO RIDE, AND IT DON'T CHAFE MY HIDE...
'CAUSE WE'RE BOTH VERY COMFORTABLY WIDE.
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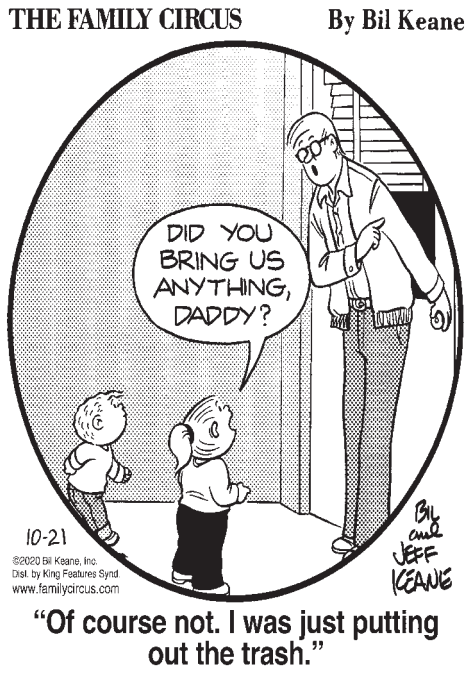
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
DID YOU BRING US ANYTHING, DADDY?
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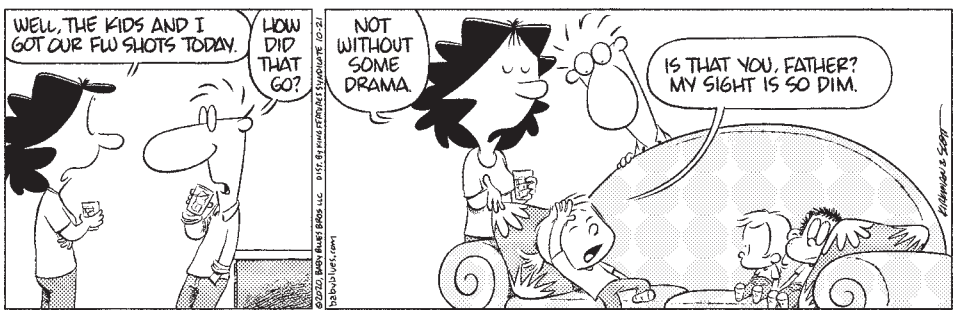
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Of course not. I was just putting out the trash."

BABY BLUES


WELL, THE KIDS AND I GOT OUR FLU SHOTS TODAY.
HOW DID THAT GO?
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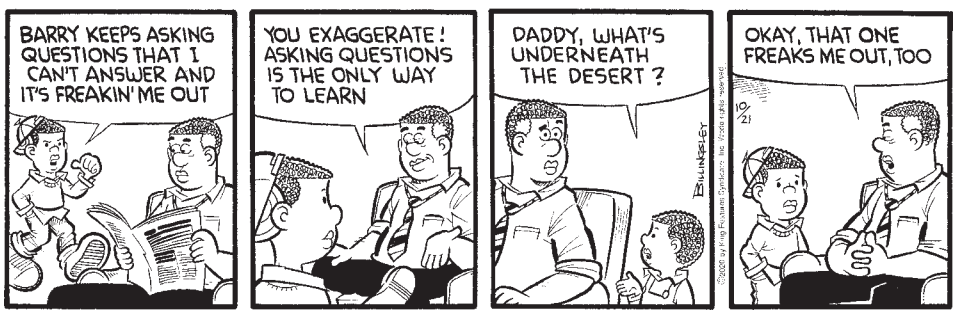
NOT WITHOUT SOME DRAMA.
IS THAT YOU, FATHER? MY SIGHT IS SO DIM.

CURTIS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BLEAGH. BLEAGH.
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I KNOW YOU LIKE WET CAT FOOD. ...SO I DROOLED ON IT.
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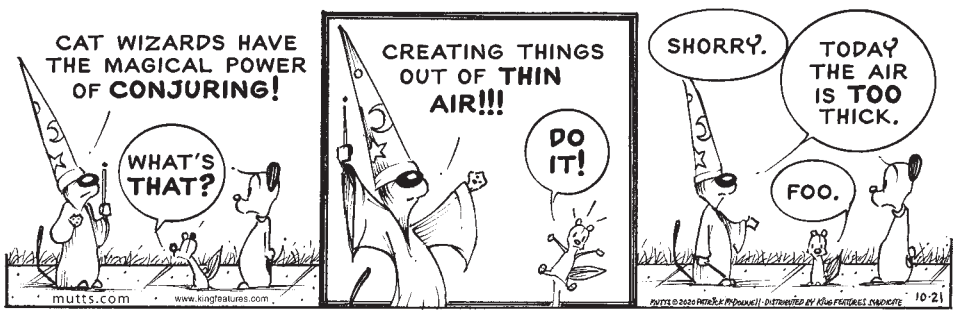

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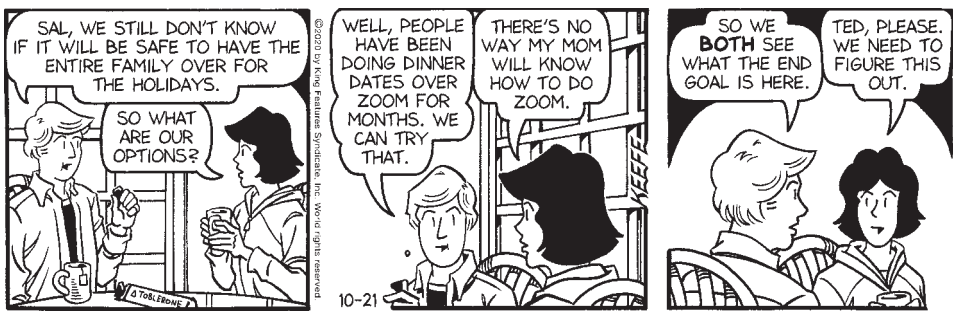
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THERE'S NO WAY MY MOM WILL KNOW HOW TO DO ZOOM.
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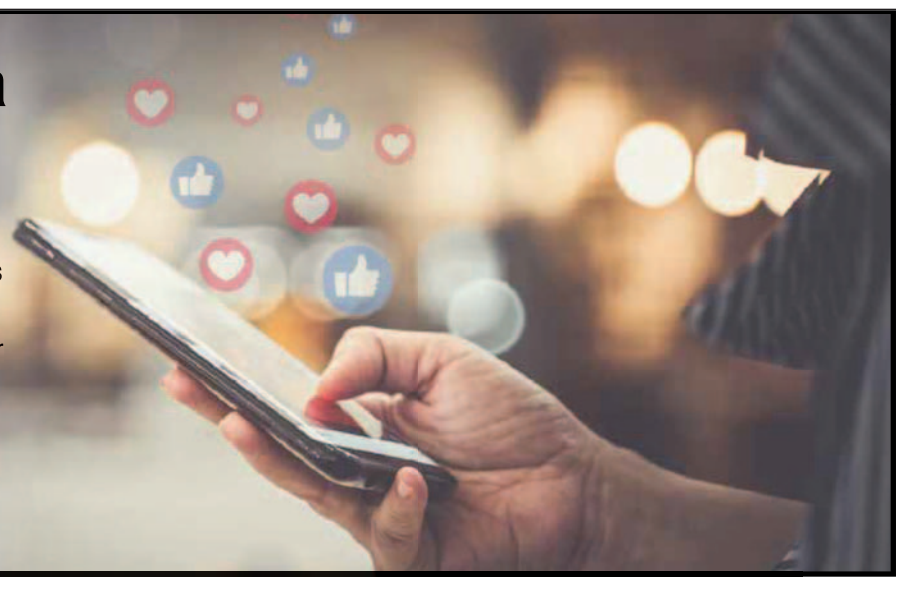

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Handle with care. Ease into whatever changes you want to pursue this year. There is a shift taking place, and you want to be on the right side of the fault line as situations occur and developments unfold. Hedge your bets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Refuse to let demanding people interfere with your productivity. Resentment will surface if you allow someone to take advantage of you. Physical activity will relieve stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A change of heart will push you in an exciting direction. An unusual turn of events will take place if you reconnect with someone from your past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A change to how you deal with money matters will influence your future. Someone will try to talk you into something that isn't in your best interest. Take care of pending problems yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Work with people who share your goals. An unusual lifestyle will pique your interest. Romance is in the stars. Shared expenses will help you achieve a higher standard of living.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Put your energy into personal gain. Look over documents and update make updates where necessary. Keep up with the times and trends. Look for ways to save money.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There are deals and financial gains to be made that can help you raise your game and reach your goal. Romance will improve a relationship with a loved one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't take a risk. Acting in haste will lead to a loss. Bide your time, and do your best to get along with everyone until you have a clear-cut plan in place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What are you waiting for? Take action while you can. A partnership looks promising and will improve your chance of a better future. Jump at a chance to show your abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will take advantage of your enthusiasm if you are too eager to please. If you want to burn energy, do something that will result in a healthier physique. Don't try to buy someone's attention or love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use your imagination, and turn your dream into a reality. Don't neglect a meaningful relationship. A kind gesture will eliminate a complaint. Romance is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Uncertainty will prevail. Don't jump from one thing to another. Finish what you start and live up to your promises. Use your energy wisely to set an example that others will emulate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Set your sights on what you want. It's time for a change. Live life your way. Spending more time with a loved one is encouraged.

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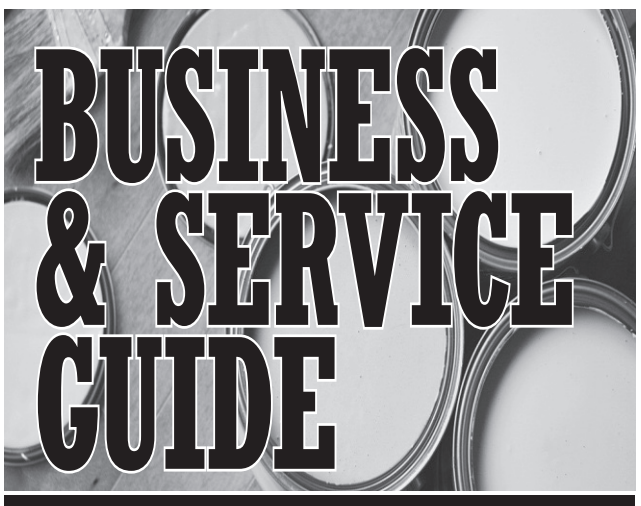

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Ivis Nasir, at right, sits on her porch with some freshly made bread and her cousin, Julia Williams. **BELOW:** Dutch Oven Bread is shown.

Breaking into recipes with Ivis Nasir

Jane Ammeson

After decades of living in the Middle East, Ivis Nasir has returned to the family compound overlooking Lake Michigan where she grew up.

She and her cousin, Julia Williams, invited me over for tea and a chat. There was a cup of tea waiting for me and a loaf of fresh bread Ivis had just pulled out of the oven.

"I make bread almost every day," she tells me before reciting the recipe to prove how easy it is to make.

"She's a passionate cook," Julia says as I look around the kitchen and see counters and shelves filled with grains, flours, herbs and spices.

As Ivis tells me about her life in the Middle East – she returned to America three years ago – she often takes time to describe how she made certain dishes. It's like a musical, where people break into song, only Ivis breaks into recipes.

Ivis and her family moved to the area when she was 7. They had been living in the Detroit area. She immediately fell in love with the beach, the water and the trees that hugged the lakeshore.

Her father, Edward Repke, invented the first industrial lift truck. Ivis was more of an artist, appearing in plays when she attended school here.

After college, she moved to Chicago, and was working as the secretary to the head of the American Friends of the Middle East.

"That was a front for the CIA," she tells me.

Before I can ask more, we're talking about Sari Nasir, a young student from a small village near Jerusalem who was working on his doctorate. The couple married in 1951, and later moved to New York and then Jerusalem.

"When we moved to the Middle East, I had three children, the youngest was 11 months," Ivis says. "My daughter was born during the Six-Day War."

After that 1967 Arab-Israeli war, the family moved to Amman, Jordan, where her husband was chairman of the Sociology Department at The University of Jordan.

"Amman was very cosmopolitan," Ivis says. "And food to Arabs – food is the most important thing."

One to embrace change, Ivis flourished in the Middle East. She made friends, started a weekly breakfast club, and shopped in the marketplaces. At first, the ingredients seemed so different from home, but she learned to cook an assortment of Middle Eastern dishes, using a variety of techniques.

When they traveled to their home in the Jordan Valley, they'd cook lamb by filling a hole in the ground with hot stones and leaving the lamb in the pit overnight to cook.

Ivis also talks about spinach pie. At first, I think of the Greek dish spanakopita, but this is different. It's pieces of dough filled with spinach and onions.

Other favorites include maqluba, an upside down eggplant dish; and mediavine – chicken and molokhia, a leafy green vegetable also known as jute leaves.

In the Middle East, it's easy to find molokhia. It's not that difficult here either (thanks, Amazon), but you can't buy it at roadside stands like in Jordan.

You can substitute spinach, or to get even closer to the actual taste and texture of molokhia, you can boil okra until its soft and mushy, add a package of defrosted frozen chopped spinach, and blend both ingredients in a food processor to a soup-like consistency.

Ivis' youngest son, Tariq, worked as a financial adviser, but then decided food was more his thing. Living in the Middle East, Tariq has recipes and instructional cooking videos on his website, www.cheftariq.com.

"My mother always cooked a lot when I was growing up, and I learned quite a bit from her," Tariq told me when I contacted him. "She became quite an adept cook of Middle Eastern cooking, leaning from my grandmother and aunts. She's always been an experimental person with food and never afraid to try new things."

Summers were spent in Southwest Michigan with his mother and siblings. He remembers being amazed at all the different foods, many of which weren't available in Jordan.

"One other memory stands out about Michigan, my mother and food," Tariq said. "And that was pulling to the side of the road to pick cattails, which my mother would fry up for us. Those were her experimental days, when

grapes would show up in our rice, and as kids we weren't sure what to do about it. Instead, I dreamed of Doritos. Something I'd never eat today. I have found that I have become more experimental in my cooking as I've gotten older, and I enjoy trying new things."

Ivis was very willing to try new foods.

"My father-in-law would sometimes have five kinds of meat at a meal," she says, noting that it wasn't unusual for there to be a long tray with lamb and goat heads on it. "Guests would select a head and split it open."

The recipes Tariq and his mother shared below don't call for any sheep or goat heads, though lamb, which can be expensive around here and sometimes hard to find, is a common ingredient. Substitute chicken if you want.

Dutch Oven Bread

3 1/2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon instant yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups water

Add all the ingredients to a large bowl. Mix until a dough forms.

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, and allow the dough to rise to at least twice its size.

Pour the dough onto a floured surface. Shape the loaf, and place the seam side up on a floured piece of parchment paper.

Cover with a damp kitchen towel, and allow to rise in a warm place for about an hour.

Place your Dutch oven in the oven, and heat to 450 degrees.

When the dough is ready and the oven is hot, remove the Dutch oven. Spray the inside with vegetable spray, and sprinkle corn flour to prevent the loaf from sticking.

Roll the dough into the Dutch oven, cover and replace in the oven. Don't worry if your bread looks a bit deflated when it goes in the pot. Bake for 30 minutes, then remove the lid and bake a few minutes longer to brown the top, if necessary.

Remove, and place the loaf on a rack to cool.

Molokhia

Makes 6 servings.

For the stock:

6 chicken legs (drumstick and thigh)
8 cups water

For the stew:

2 ounces butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons Seven Spices (see recipe below)
10 garlic cloves, chopped
14 ounces, molokhia leaves, chopped and frozen
4 cups chicken stock
6 chicken legs, from the stock
2 tablespoons lemon juice

To make the stock: Place the chicken legs in a pot with the water. Bring to a boil, and then turn down to a strong simmer for about 40 minutes.

Remove chicken, and pour stock through a sieve. Set aside.

For the stew: Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add olive oil, salt and spices. Add garlic, and sauté until fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add molokhia, stir well.

Add 4 cups chicken stock and cooked chicken legs. Cook for 15-30 minutes, or more depending on the thickness of the sauce desired.

Add lemon juice, stir, and remove from the heat.

Serve hot over rice.

Seven Spices

1 tablespoon allspice, ground
1 teaspoon cumin, ground
1 teaspoon cinnamon, ground
1 teaspoon black pepper, ground
1 teaspoon coriander, ground
1 teaspoon turmeric, ground
1 teaspoon ginger, ground

Mix all ingredients together. Store in a lidded jar in a dry spot.

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MEDICAL PEOPLE

Lakeland welcomes new pulmonologist

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland has welcomed pulmonologist Katie Fitton, DO, to its medical staff.

FITTON

She is seeing patients alongside Drs. Michael Burton, Albert Naveed and Furqan Siddiqi at Lakeland Pulmonology, 3950 Hollywood Road, Suite 280.

Fitton earned her medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed an internal medicine residency at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, Mich.

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JACKUBOWSKI

Jackubowski earned a post-graduate certification in cardiology and a master's degree in nursing from Governors State University in Illinois. She is now pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Duke University.

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■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Friday, Dowagiac Public Safety and Fire Department, 302 Wolf St., Dowagiac.

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■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Pleasant View Church of Christ, 60550 Crooked Creek Road, Cassopolis.

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■ Noon-6 p.m. today, Lakeland Hospital, Niles, lower meeting room, 31 N. St. Joseph Ave., Niles.

■ Noon-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi offices, multi-purpose room, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday, Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet, classroom B, 400 Medical Park Drive, Watervliet.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Oct. 28, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

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BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries and salad. Cost is $6.50 for a burger, onion rings and salad. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Fish fry: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will hold a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Dinners are $8.25 for fish, $9.50 for a half walleye, $16 for a whole walleye, $7 for a half chicken and $7 for shrimp. All meals include french fries and coleslaw. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears on Wednesdays. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email focus@TheHP.com.

Krasl's Soup's On! now on the go

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Krasl Art Center's annual Soup's On! event is returning, with a twist.

From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 6-7, attendees can stop by the Krasl's lawn to purchase Soup's On-the-Go! "soup-ertificates" for $10. They are redeemable at participating restaurants from Nov. 6-14.

A $20 soup-ertificate also includes a ceramic ornament and prepackaged dessert, according to a news release.

To see a full list of participating restaurants, visit krasl.org/events/soups-on. Dining won't be allowed at the Krasl this year.

KAC members can sign up to win prizes, and all attendees can explore works by regional artists in the outdoor market or inside at The Shop and in the galleries.

Guests will be required to wear face masks and maintain social distancing while on site.

Each day will feature three regional artists, plus artists from Water Street Glassworks. Visit krasl.org/event/soups-on for the full list of participating artists.

Attendees can purchase ceramic bowls made by KAC's Clay Artist Guild for $15, and meet guild members. Sales will support ceramic studio programs at KAC.

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Bowls made by the Clay Artist Guild will be available for $15.